

Volunteers

	December 31	January 7
Nursery	Natalie Carmichael	Miranda Bohler
Toddlers	Erin Tindal	Susan Cauthen
Greeters (F)	Butch & Dell Ghent	Tom & Martha Morgan
(S)	Philip & Stacey Pegram	Sarah Baer/ Buddy Lever
	December	January
Elders	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
Captain	Sam Prete	Debbie Dickson
Co Captain	Lathan Rivers	Mary Strickland
Ushers	Mike Scruggs Conner Tindal	Frank Brackett Benny Brazell

Staff and Officers

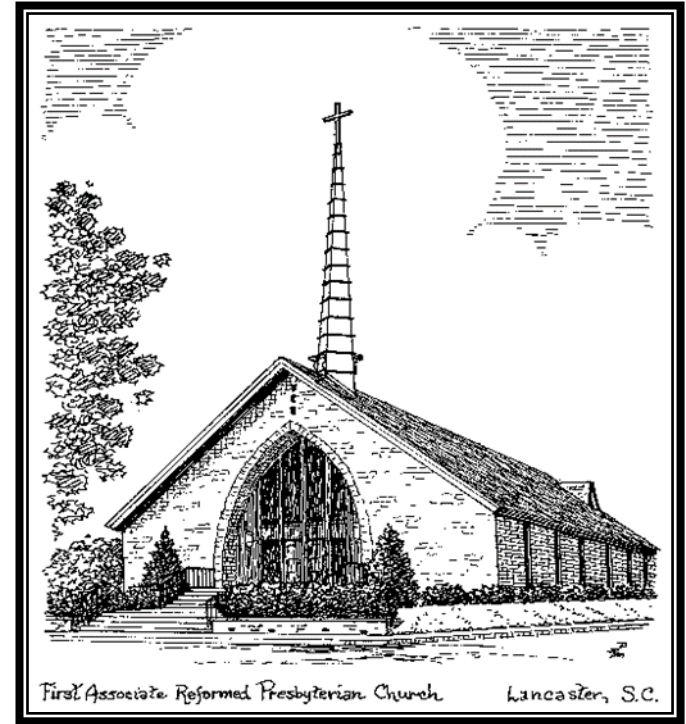
STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Pastoral Intern- Mr. Ethan McConnell		Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	2019	Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones		Buddy Lever	Dave Mohr
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2020	Richard Gardner	Daniel Bohler
		Sam Prete	Richard Shields

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Ethan McConnell

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 136:26

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #207

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**congregation stands*

Financials

**Financial information for December 24 and December 31
will be available in the January 7 bulletin.**

AUTOMATIC DRAFT Are you ready to take a step of faith? Sign up for a monthly draft of your giving. It is a serious commitment to set up your tithe to come out every month, but we are called to give from our first fruits. This is a tool to help you be faithful and regular in your giving to Christ and His church. For more information see Sam Huey.

For many, 2017 has been a year full of joys, sorrows, and change. It seems that each year we are greeted with a new “role.” For some of us that takes the form of a new job, a new occupation, a new hobby, or a new disposition. For me, that new role is one of Intern and Seminary student as opposed to an undergrad at North Greenville University or a Chick-Fil-A employee. For others, that role may be physical fitness-- hitting the gym every week, or a scholar reading all the classics, or a friend who never gets frustrated. Whatever the role, we will commit to it with all our enthusiasm... until, despite our best intentions, the old “us” will return.

We are blessed that Scripture provides us with a never changing role-- a role that began with our conversion and will persevere until the end of all time. You and I, whatever our roles in life are, have a greater role as a son or daughter of the King. As you begin to think about what you would like to change over the coming months, I would like to encourage each and every one of you to not only make physical changes, but to make intentional, spiritual changes, predicated on your role as an adopted heir with Christ. For some of you, that will involve being more intentional about doing family devotions. For others, it might be keeping a prayer journal, consistency in tithing, or more time spent reading Scripture. For all of us it will be a continued commitment to the family of Christ and the calling to share His glorious Gospel.

I am excited about my new role and the opportunity I have to meet and get to know each one of you. I look forward to sharing fellowship as we strive to fulfill our “new” roles to the best of our ability and to grow in our present calling as heirs to the Kingdom of God. Happy New Year! Let us look with hope to the cross of Christ in 2018.

Mr. Ethan McConnell

Intern

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm** Blue ARP Psalter #43, 5 verses
“Before a Wicked Nation, God”

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Pew Bible Page 976
Genesis 3:13-15

Sermon “Old Hope For a New Year”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn** Red Trinity Hymnal #226
“As With Gladness Men Of Old”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction** Dr. Kyle Sims



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS The church office will be closed
January 1.

Are you praying for your Ten List?

2018 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

- March 2-4 Senior High Super Retreat - Bonclarken
- March 13 Presbytery at Oak Ridge Church - 10:00 a.m.
- March 23-25 Presbytery Middle School Retreat - Bonclarken
- April 20- Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet- First ARP Lancaster
- June 5 Catawba Presbytery- Bonclarken - 10:00 a.m.
- September 21-23 Senior High Super Retreat – Bonclarken
- October 9 Presbytery meets at 1st Rock Hill - 10:00 a.m
- October 13 Children’s Retreat at Neely’s Creek Church
- October 23 Elders’ Association at Shiloh Church - 7:00 p.m.
- November 2-4 Catawba Middle School Retreat-Bonclarken

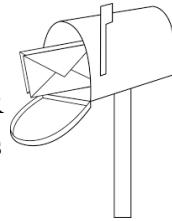


Announcements



VISITORS Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your convenience.

MAILBOXES Remember to check your mailboxes. 2018 GREETER, USHER and WORSHIP SERVICE CHILDCARE schedules are also in the mailboxes now.



HOPE IN LANCASTER HOPE is currently seeking donations of healthy, non-perishable foods such as the following: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Potatoes, Grits, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Juice, & Jiffy Mix.

HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for their clients. Additional pantry needs include: Peanut Butter, Canned Salmon, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Beef Stew, & Dry Pasta



WOMENS MINISTRIES All women of the church are invited to a joint Women's Circle meeting Saturday, January 20 from 11-1. We will begin a study of Genesis with the first chapter of Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality: The Gospel According to Abraham by Iain Duguid. This will be followed by a soup lunch. A signup sheet will be available in January. Contact Katey Powell with questions.

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Song supplement #1

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of Kings

"Benediction"

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Psalm 42:11

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

Sermon Notes

Text: Genesis 3:13-15

Title: "Old Hope For a New Year"

Prayer Emphasis

- **Missionaries (Home and Foreign)**

Pray for those called to carry the Gospel to new areas around the world. Pray that they will have opportunities to share the Gospel and that God will save those who hear the Gospel message.

Pray for those here at home who struggle each day to live out the light of the Gospel in their places of work. Pray for all Christians to be ready and willing to share the Gospel in any situation.

- **The New Year**

Pray for the new year and all it brings. Pray for one another as new challenges approach. Pray for our Nation and for the World. Pray for the Church.

- **The Sick and Grieving**

Pray for those who have been sick over the holidays from seasonal illness and more long term ailments.

Continue to pray for those who grieve the loss of a loved one long after the holidays have passed.

- **Sister Churches**

Tirzah ARP- York, SC- Rev. Andy Putnam

Union ARP- Richburg, SC- Rev. Neely Gaston

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Ann Pokopac
 Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 George Mason
 Betty Allen
 I. W. Caskey
 John & Pat Willis
 Katey Powell
 Marilyn Duve
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside
 Mary Ella Jordan
 Nancy Ogburn
 Phil Baer- Mexican Leaders Workshop
 Sally Lloyd
 Sheryl Huey
 Tom Strickland
 Wayne Dickson- Tests

Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek ARP- Mt. Pleasant
 Ian Wise-Pageland RPCNA
 Matt Awtrey-Kings' Church- Irmo
 Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill- Columbia

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
 Dillon Coale- NAS Pensacola

Missionaries

Phil & Sarah Baer-Wycliffe
 Rebekah Carson-Germany
 Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's
 Parents
 Darryl Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's Broth-
 er
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom
 Doris Hudson- Lorri Crawford's Mother
 Family of Sherry McMullen
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's
 Jimmy Simpson- Mary Ella Jordan's Cousin
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother
 Joan Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister
 John Boykin- Friend of the Scruggs'
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's
 Nephew
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend
 Phil Ghent- Butch Ghent's Brother
 Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-
 ley's Parents
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law
 William Jordan- Mary Ella Jordan's Brother In
 Law

Young Worshipers

During the worship service your youngest children should draw pictures of what they hear and see in the appropriate boxes, while older children ought to take written notes.

<p><u>Scripture Text and Title</u></p>	<p><u>My Favorite Hymn</u></p>
<p><u>Sermon Points</u></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p><u>What I Learned Today?</u></p>
<p><u>Things To Pray For</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

January

2018

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Sat

31 CONGRE-GATIONAL CARE FUND	1 	2	3	4
7	8 6:30 Trail Life	9 11:30 Lunch Bunch	10 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	11
14 7:00 Diaconate	15 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	16	17 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	18
21 7:00 Session	22 6:30 Trail Life	23	24 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	25
28 MISSIONS FUND	29	30	31 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	

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12	13
19	20 11:00 WM Soup Lunch
26	27

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Dave & Shannon Mohr
- 24- Sal & Robin Estrada

BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Laura Caskey
- 3- Carol Nims
- 6- Dave Mohr
- 7- Elise Tindal
- 8- Dorothy Richardson
- 9- Wayne Dickson
- 9- Kristen Wunderlich
- 13- Elle Andersen
- 15- Nancy Ogburn
- 16- Sarah Baer
- 17- Alex Bohler
- 22- Tom Arant
- 23- Virginia Fleming
- 24- Debby Hegler
- 27- Gene Hunter
- 31- Carlyle Henley
- 31- Sam Prete

NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:15 Officer Meeting
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship