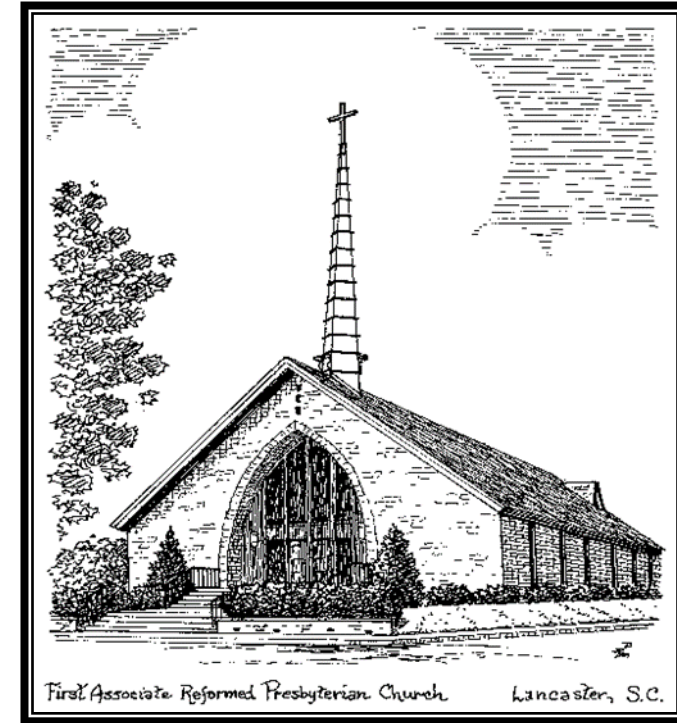


Volunteers

	January 7	January 14
Nursery	Miranda Bohler	Holly Rivers
Toddlers	Susan Cauthen	Shannon Mohr
Greeters (F)	Tom & Martha Morgan	Mike & Pat Scruggs
(S)	Sarah Baer/ Buddy Lever	Butch & Dell Ghent
	January	February
Elders	Frank Brackett	Richard Gardner
	Buddy Lever	Sam Prete
Captain	Debbie Dickson	Debby Hegler
Ushers	Mary Strickland	Joe Hegler
	Frank Brackett	Sonja Coale
	Benny Brazell	Chuck Coale



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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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

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.

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness+

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most Merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

**congregation stands*

Financials

December 24, 2017	
Attendance	72
General Fund	\$2,887
Total GF contributions this month	\$14,224
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$70
Memorial Fund	\$400
Congregational Care Fund	\$10

December 31, 2017	
Attendance	52
General Fund	\$2,615
Total GF contributions this month	\$16,839
Average monthly budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$167
Memorial Fund	\$75
Congregational Care Fund	\$125
Bonclarken Campaign	\$10

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.

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

Pastor's Corner

January 7, 2018

As we start the New Year, I believe it is important that we focus on Missionary Andrew Brunson and his continued imprisonment in a Turkish prison. Andrew and his wife Noreen have been in Turkey since the 1990s. Turkey was a good place for missionaries. Even though there was some opposition, the government was a secular democracy.

In the last few years Turkey has changed. The leader of Turkey has eliminated his political rivals. There was a supposed coup attempt in Turkey, but most feel like this was a false flag attack designed to justify the government's crack down on rivals. It is in the midst of this political backdrop that Andrew's arrest came about in 2016.

Andrew was arrested and later charged with supporting the radical Islamic coup attempt. This is pure fiction. The last thing a Christian missionary would want is for Turkey to become an Islamic theocracy. This would end any work he was doing and probably put his life in jeopardy.

Earlier last year, it came out that Andrew could be traded for a Turkish citizen living in the US. The real meaning of Andrew's arrest was clear :he was a bargaining chip between Turkey and the United States.

It is important that we keep praying for Andrew and his family. Pray for his protection: protection from attack or disease while in prison and protection from the Turkish government. Pray for Andrew's ministry, just like Paul, Andrew continues to have a ministry in the jail. Pray that many maybe saved through Andrew's ministry. Pray for his release. Pray that God will work through world governments, organizations, and leaders to bring about his release. Make sure that Andrew is a priority in your personal and family prayer life.

As we begin 2018, let us redouble our efforts to pray for and remember Andrew Brunson.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Pastor

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic** church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Chancel Choir

“O Worship the King”

***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**

“Be Gracious, Lord”

Blue ARP Psalter #6

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

“How Beautiful”

Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 11:17-27

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Sermon

“Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

“Thine Be the Glory”

Red Trinity Hymnal #274

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**



Thank you for your faithful prayers, cards and loving sympathy. The Allen family appreciates the Women's Care ministry providing a delicious meal with beautiful table settings and an opportunity for encouraging one another.

Betty Allen

UPDATED 2018 EVENTS!!!

- Mar. 2-4 Senior High Super Retreat - Bonclarken
- Mar. 13 Presbytery at Oak Ridge Church - 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 23-25 Presbytery Middle School Retreat - Bonclarken
- Apr. 20 Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet- 1st Lancaster
- Jun. 5 Catawba Presbytery- Bonclarken - 10:00 a.m.
- Jun. 10-15 Camp Joy 1
- Jun. 11-16 Quest
- Jun. 17-22 Camp Joy 2
- Jun. 18-23 Horizon
- Jun. 30- Jul. 6 Appalachia
- Jul. 23-26 Family Bible Conference
- Sep. 21-23 Senior High Super Retreat – Bonclarken
- Oct. 9 Presbytery meets at 1st Rock Hill - 10:00 a.m
- Oct. 13 Children’s Retreat at Neely’s Creek Church
- Oct. 20 CWM Annual Meeting
- Oct. 23 Elders’ Association at Shiloh Church - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 2-4 Catawba Middle School Retreat-Bonclarken



Are you praying for your Ten List?

Announcements



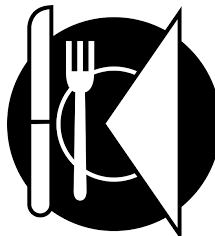
VISITORS Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your convenience.

LUNCH BUNCH We will meet at 11:30 Tuesday, January 9 at Seagulls Grill. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



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 sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Contact Katey Powell with questions.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY Volunteer schedules are now posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Also, it is time to update information for the church directory. Forms are in your mailboxes and blank forms are available for your friends and non-attending family. I also need to know if you require offering envelopes for 2019. Please place completed forms in the labeled wood box by January 21.



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT We resume our Wednesday night supper and classes this week. Supper is served at 5:45 followed by classes for all ages at 6:30. The cost is \$3 each or \$10 per family. Checks to BUTCH GHENT are accepted. Please sign up on the bulletin board in front of the church office.

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

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Sermon Notes

Text: John 11:17-27

Title: "Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life"

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson

Release
Protection
continued ministry in prison

Protection

For our marriages and families
For our Teachers and Students
For our elderly and shut-ins
For our children and youth
For our souls
For our nation and community

Our ministry in 2018

Sunday School
Children's work
Youth
Worship

The lost sheep of our congregation

Those who have wandered
Those struggling with faith
Those hard pressed by life

Our church

Officers
Staff
Volunteers
Spiritual and Numerical growth

Sister Churches

Unity ARP- Lancaster, SC- Rev. Lee Hammond
Westminster Presbyterian- Conway, SC

January

2018

Sun

Mon


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Wed

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Sat

31 CONGRE- GATIONAL CARE FUND	1  Office Closed	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 7:00 Youth breakfast	13
19 7:00 Youth breakfast	20 11:00 WM Soup Lunch
26 7:00 Youth breakfast	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