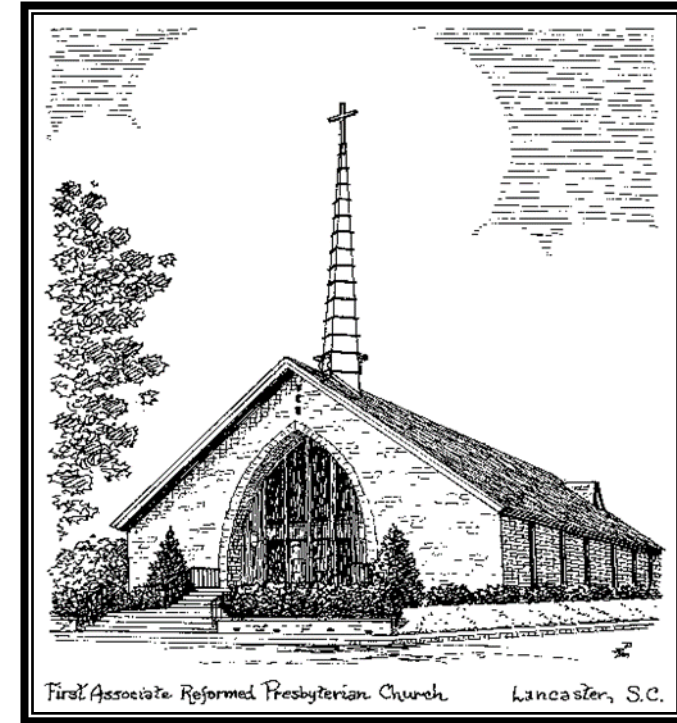


# Volunteers

	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Susan Prete	Miranda Bohler
<b>Toddlers</b>	Kimberly Hefner	Susan Cauthen
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Joe & Debby Hegler	Mike & Susan Cauthen
<b>(S)</b>	Philip & Stacey Pegram	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn
	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
<b>Captain</b>	Keith Jaillette	Dave Mohr
<b>Ushers</b>	Ben Rivers Richard Crawford Andrew Johnson	Matthew Rivers Richard Gardner Tom Holland



# Staff and Officers

<b>STAFF</b>		<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
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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March 18, 2018

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

### **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 #261

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon Thee; Hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Thy mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward Thee and our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most Merciful Father; and of Thy great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*\*stand as you are able*

# Financials

<b>March 11, 2018</b>	
Attendance	97
General Fund	\$4,417
Total GF contributions this month	\$9,039
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Memorial Fund	\$95
Special Services	\$1,356

### **Special Services evening attendance:**

Sunday- 87  
Monday- 84  
Tuesday- 67  
Wednesday- 105

### **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

March 18, 2018

This last week was tremendous for us at First ARP Lancaster. This was the best special services that we have had in terms of numbers attending, but more important was impact God's Word has had on our congregation. God is to be praised for His work in our lives this week.

What do we do now? Do we say, "Man, that Leon was a great preacher." and then go back to doing exactly what we were doing before we heard those sermons? The Word of God must impact our minds, hearts, and actions. We need to apply God's Word to our lives. This is crucial to our spiritual health. We can not encounter God's Word and not be changed. To do this means that we are hardening our hearts to God and His Word. I want you to answer the following questions fully:

Was I convicted of allowing sin in my life? In what way?

Where am I ignoring God in my life?

Where do I need forgiveness from God?

What are some things I need to change after hearing God's Word?

How is my commitment to Jesus, His church, and His people going to increase?

What is God calling me to do with my life?

Where do I need to get involved or need to see change?

What did God teach me in the sermons over the last week?

Take the time to do this. It will be a great exercise in self-examination.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Pastor

## Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## \*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

*"Three Crosses Of Shame"*

Chancel Choir

**\*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**

*“God Is My Shield”*

Blue ARP Psalter #7B

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem**

*“My Savior’s Love”*

Chancel Choir

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible Page 998

**Sermon**

Titus 3:1-8

*“Be Different In Christ”*

Marilyn Duve

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

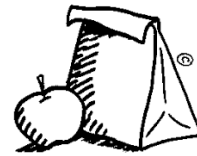
**\*Hymn**

*“Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”*

Red Trinity Hymnal #679

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Closing Prayer**



**LUNCH BUNCH** Due to a Presbytery meeting last week, Our Tuesday Lunch Bunch gathering will be this coming Tuesday at 11:30. We will meet at Seagull’s Grille on Hwy 9 Bypass. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in joining this time of food and fellowship.

**Are you praying for your Ten List?**

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT**

The Dinner's for 8 program seems to be well received from all I have heard. Each group should be having their last two dinners by the end of April. At that time we will draw new groups for May through September. The summer months should be a fun time for these groups as we can have cookouts, barbeques, etc. If you have not been in a group and wish to join in, now is the time to sign up. If you have been in a group and would like to sit out the next round, now is your chance. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board next week for those who want to join in and those continuing through the summer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



- Mar. 20 Lunch Bunch- 11:30AM
- Mar. 23-25 Middle School Retreat - Bonclarken
- Mar. 25 Easter Music and Reception- 6:00PM
- Mar. 29 Maundy Thursday Service
- Mar. 31 Easter Egg Hunt- 1:00PM
- Apr. 15-20 Bonclarken Work Week
- April 19 Life Line Screening
- Apr. 21 Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet- 1st Lancaster- 9:00AM

# 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.

**CHURCH WORK DAYS** Thank you to all the ladies who participated in the first of three work days this spring. We will meet again **March 29** and **April 7** at 10:30 to polish, clean out, straighten up, etc. If you are able to help on a different date, just check the list in the parlor to see what needs to be done. See Debby Hegler with questions.

The men will also have a chance to help prep the church this spring. There is a church Work Day scheduled for Saturday, **March 24** starting at 8AM until the work list is complete. This list is posted on the bulletin board in front of the church office. You will need to bring your own tools. Any of these tasks can be completed before the 24th, so if you can take care of an item at a different time, please contact Richard Shields and let him know what task you plan to complete and when. You may also contact him with any questions.



**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** Join us for Wednesday night supper followed by classes for all ages. Supper is served at 5:45 and classes begin 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 by Tuesday.

**CWM MEET & GREET** First ARP Church will host the Catawba Women's Ministries Meet & Greet Saturday, April 21 for all ladies in our Presbytery. Registration and light breakfast will be served at 9AM followed by a time of fellowship and focusing on "God's Word". The event will end with lunch and conclude at 12:30PM. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board in front of the church office for any woman of the church who would like to join this free event. Childcare will also be provided upon request. See 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**

Matthew 18:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Titus 3:1-8

Title: "Be Different In Christ"

# Prayer Emphasis

**Andrew Brunson-** He has been charged with aiding a Muslim coup and is facing a possible life sentence. Pray for his release and strength.

**Rev. Leon Brown-** He is preparing to leave Richmond and move to Los Angeles.

**Those grieving the loss of a loved one**

**Those who are sick**

**Those who serve us in Emergency Services**

- **Fire Fighters**
- **Police**
- **EMs**
- **Doctors and Nurses**
- **Techs**

**Our Government**

**Our Presbytery**

- **We had a good meeting**
- **Pray for the church planting proposal**

**Praise for Jordan Bernard passing his exam**

**Sister Churches**

First Presbyterian- Hardeeville, SC

Good Shepherd Presbyterian - League City, TX- rev. Jan Sattem

# Ongoing Prayer

## Requests

### First ARP

Ann Pokopac  
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence  
 Carlyle & Mott Henley  
 Chic Whitlock- Morningside  
 Clara Nell Robinson  
 Erin Tindal  
 George Mason  
 Betty Allen  
 Family of Mary Parks  
 I. W. Caskey  
 John & Pat Willis  
 Katey Powell  
 Marilyn Duve  
 Mary Ella Jordan  
 Nancy Ogburn  
 Sally Lloyd  
 Tom Strickland

### Church Planters

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

### Missionaries

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

### Military

Alex Coale- Japan  
 Dillon Coale- NAS Pensacola

### Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey  
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's  
     Parents  
 Darrell Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's  
     Brother  
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister  
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom  
 Doris Hudson- Lorri Crawford's Mother  
 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 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  
 Richard Harms and Family  
 Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-  
     ley's Parents  
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law  
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-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 From This Week</u></p>
<p><u>Sermon Points</u></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>

# March

# 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
				<b>1</b> 10:30 Women's Work Day
<b>4</b> <b>MS Retreat deadline</b>  Sr. Hi Retreat	<b>5</b> 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b> <b>5:00 AE Circle</b> 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>12</b> 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>13</b> Presbytery at Oak Ridge ARP 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>14</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b> 7:00 Session	<b>19</b> 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	<b>20</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>21</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>22</b>
<b>25 MISSIONS</b> 12:00 Youth Lunch 6:00 Easter Music Celebration	<b>26</b> 6:30 Trail Life	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Wednesday Night events	<b>29</b> 10:30 Women's Work Day 7:00 Maundy Thursday service

Fri	Sat
<b>2</b>  Sr. Hi Retreat	<b>3</b>  Sr. Hi Retreat
<b>9</b> 7:00 Youth breakfast	<b>10</b>
<b>16</b> 7:00 Youth breakfast	<b>17</b>
<b>23</b> 7:00 Youth breakfast  M S Retreat	<b>24</b> Church Work Day  M S Retreat
<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> 1:00 Easter Egg Hunt

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6- Don & Betsy Rushing
- 10- Carlyle & Mott Henley
- 30- Mark & Kimberly Hefner
- 31- Chuck & Sonja Coale

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Sam Huey
- 6- Phil Baer
- 8- Frank Brackett
- 10- Kyle Sims
- 18- Barton Henley
- 19- Lorri Crawford
- 21- Dell Ghent
- 24- Kimberly Hefner
- 26- Johnny Jones
- 27- Amanda Banholzer
- 29- Buddy Lever

## NORMAL SUNDAY

### SCHEDULE

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