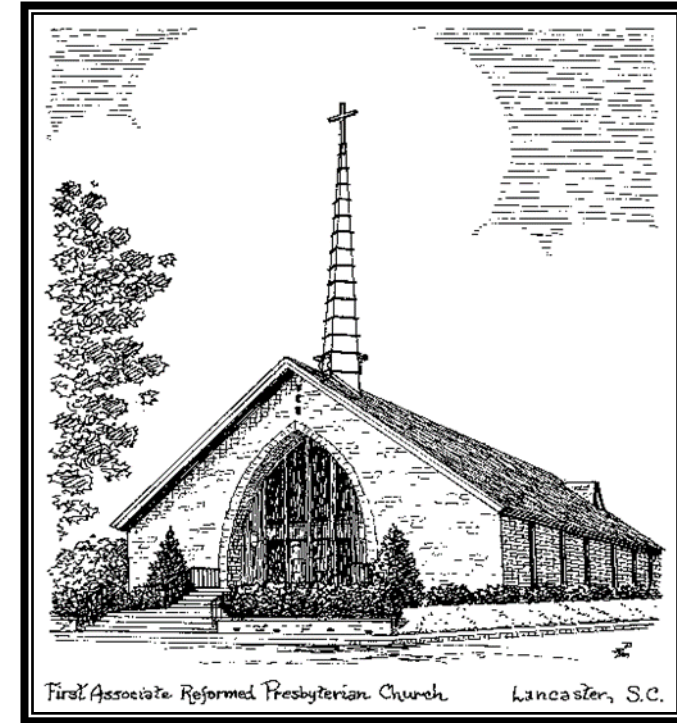


# Volunteers

	<b>April 15</b>	<b>April 22</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Natalie Carmichael	Dell Ghent
<b>Toddlers</b>	Erin Tindal	Susan Prete
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Tom & Martha Morgan	
<b>(S)</b>	Sarah Baer/ Buddy Lever	
	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Frank Brackett	Richard Gardner
	Buddy Lever	Sam Prete
<b>Captain</b>	Dave Mohr	Richard Shields
<b>Ushers</b>	Matthew Rivers	Matthew Rivers
	Richard Gardner	Richard Gardner
	Tom Holland	Johnny Jones



# 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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April 15, 2018

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Call to Silent Prayer**

**Prelude** Ms. Sydney Merck

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Kyle Sims

**Choral Introit** Chancel Choir

*“Lord Jesus, You Know Me”*

## ENTERING WORSHIP

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 33:1-3

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

### **\*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 #116

*“For the Beauty Of the Earth ”*

### **Prayer of Confession**

We freely confess our sin before You Lord. You know it before we confess it, for Your eye sees not only our sinful actions, but our sinful thoughts as well. You know not only the sins of our hands, but the sins of our hearts. Though we be without hope in ourselves, You have given us your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that You would forgive us our sins, give us victory over them through Your Son and to His glory. *Amen.*

*\*stand as you are able*

# Financials

<b>April 8, 2018</b>	
Attendance	80
General Fund	\$9,539
Total GF contributions this month	\$14,534
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$70
Memorial Fund	\$285

**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.

# Prayer Requests

## First ARP

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

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

## **\*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.

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

## **Offertory**

Chancel Choir

*"Canon of Praise"*

## **\*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.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

Red Trinity Hymnal page 870

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

**A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.**

Q. 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

**A. The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

MEANS OF GRACE

**\*Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #51B

*“From My Sins, O Hide Your Face”*

**New Testament Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 966

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 779

Micah 5:5b-15

**Sermon**

*“Christ Will Make a Difference”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #649

*“More Love To Thee ”*

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

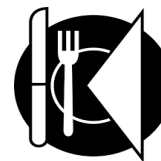
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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.



**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.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING** Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on **Thursday, April 19, 2018**. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979. There are also two complimentary screening packages available in the church office.

**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

# 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.

**CHORALEERS CONCERT** Erskine College Choraleers will give a performance today at 4PM as part of their Spring concert tour. Please bring a friend and enjoy this beautiful time of music.



**FUNDRAISER LUNCH** Next Sunday after the Worship service we will have a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser. Proceeds will offset the cost for our youth to attend this year's Appalachia Mission trip June 30- July 6.

## Are you praying for your Ten List?



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| Apr. 15    | Erskine College Choraleers Concert- 4:00PM               |
| Apr. 15-20 | Bonclarken Work Week                                     |
| April 19   | Life Line Screening                                      |
| Apr. 21    | Women's Ministries Meet and Greet- 1st Lancaster- 9:00AM |
| Apr. 22    | Appalachia Missions Team Spaghetti Fundraiser- 12:00     |
| May 9      | Last Wednesday Family Night                              |
| May 20     | Church Picnic  |
| May 27     | Graduation Sunday  |

### \*The Greeting of the Congregation

#### Taking the Gospel To the World

1 Peter 1:18-19

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

*"Benediction"*

*Words and Music by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty*

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# Sermon Notes

Text: Micah 5:5b-15

Title: "Christ Will Make a Difference"

# Prayer Emphasis

## **Prayer for the Civil Authority:** (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Lancaster City Council and Administration - Mayor Howard passed away last week.

There will be a special election in July to replace him. Pray for work of the city.

Pray for our Congress and Federal Leaders - Pray for unity and statesmanship

## **Prayer for the Ministry:** (Matthew 9:36-38)

Erskine College - Pray for Dr. Gustafson, Pray for Students & Financial strength

Session and Diaconate - Pray for their leadership of the church

Ethan McConnell - Seminary and work at the church

Pastor Sims - Preaching / Teaching the Word, Shepherding, and Leading

Teachers in the Church - Sunday school, Wednesday night, Youth, Circle, etc.

Sister Churches - Hill City Church, Rock Hill, SC and Hope Church, Pearland, TX

## **Prayer for All Men:** (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

The Lost - That they will hear and believe the Gospel

Our Outreach - Individually and Corporately we will reach out to the Lost

The Ten List - That God will work in hearts of those on our list

## **Prayer for the Perfection of the Saints:** (Ephesians 6:18)

Word of God - That we will grow in our Knowledge of God's Word

Walk before God - That we will apply God's Word to our lives

## **Prayer for the Afflicted:** (James 5:13-18)

Andrew Brunson - Trial is tomorrow in Turkey (It will begin overnight our time so pray this evening for his release, for his lawyers to get information they need to defend him, and for his family.

Serious Illness - Pray for peace, healing, hope

Seasonal Illness - Flu, cold, allergies

# Pastor's Corner

April 15, 2018

Erskine College Choraleers will be singing for us this afternoon at 4:00PM. We know many folks who have come up through this group. Our former choir director, T.J. Ellis was a part of this group. Former intern Tom Wilson and his wife Katherine were members of the Choraleers as well. This group travels all over the world representing Erskine College. It has been seven years since we last had them sing for us. My daughter is singing with this group and I am thankful that her love for singing started thru the work of the church.

As an ARP, Erskine College is your college. Its motto is "Knowledge joined with Morals". For the many of us who went to Erskine College, it has shaped us into the people we are today. It was a place where we learned how to think and reason. It was a place where Christ was honored. We are glad that it continues in its long tradition and is making strides to become even more rooted in its motto and purpose.

Pray for Erskine. The last few years have been rough as there has been a fight for the direction and future of our college. That battle has been settled and Erskine will continue as a Christian College. However, there is a need for money and students. Pray that the Lord will provide for our college. Pray that solid Christian students will be led to get their education at our college. There is not just a place in the world for our college. There is a need for Christian Liberal Arts. There is a need for our young people to be taught how to think and reason. There is a need for young, trained Christians to go out into the world and serve Christ. Pray that Erskine will continue to grow and serve this purpose.

Come out tonight and support some great young people as they share their talents with us. Come and learn about your college. Come and see what God is doing there!

Dr. Kyle E. Sims  
Pastor

# 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.

<u>Scripture Text and Title</u>	<u>My Favorite Hymn From This Week</u>
<u>Sermon Points</u>	<u>What I Learned Today?</u>
<u>Things To Pray For</u>	<u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u>

# April 2018

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<b>1</b> EASTER/ COM- MUNION	<b>2</b> 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 youth Break- fast	<b>7</b> 10:30 Women's Work Day
<b>8</b> 5:30 AE Circle 6:00 Youth 7:00 Diaconate	<b>9</b> 6:30 Trail Life	<b>10</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>11</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> No Youth Break- fast	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 4:00 Choraleers Concert  BONCLARKEN	<b>16</b> 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)  WORK	<b>17</b>  WEEK	<b>18</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir BONCLARKEN	<b>19</b> LifeLine Screening  WORK	<b>20</b> 7:00 Youth break- fast  WEEK	<b>21</b> 9:00 CWM Meet & Greet
<b>22</b> MISSIONS 12:00 Appalachia Spaghetti Lunch 1:30 Session	<b>23</b> 6:30 Trail Life	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 Youth break- fast	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> CONGREGA- TIONAL CARE 12:00 Youth Lunch	<b>30</b>					

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Kurt & Amanda Banholzer
- 4- Hazel & Kay Cauthen
- 7- Richard & Esther Shields
- 17- Joe & Debby Hegler
- 24- Philip & Stacey Pegram
- 29- Tom & Mary Strickland

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Taylor Prete
- 4- Hannah Powell
- 11- Ethan McConnell
- 12- Philip Pegram
- 15- Greta Cureton
- 15- Sarah Henley
- 16- Emma Dix
- 21- Joe Hegler
- 23- Athen Andersen
- 26- Karen Welch
- 27- Crystal Hardman
- 28- Patricia Gardner
- 29- Betty Arant

## NORMAL SUNDAY

### SCHEDULE

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