

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

July 8, 2018

# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Call to Silent Prayer**

**Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

### **Congregational Introit**

*Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.*

*Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen.*

*Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus.*

*“Open Our Eyes”*

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## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 89:5-7

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?

### **\*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.

\*stand as you are able

## **Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #92

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though You freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though You healed us. We have not forgiven others even though You forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though You freely gave us your own Son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By Your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus bloody death and amend our ways by the power of His glorious resurrection. *Amen.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Titus 3:4-6

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

### **\*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**

*“Hymn Variations”*

### **\*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**

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 85: What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

**Answer: To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.**

Question 86: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**Answer: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

Question 87: What is repentance unto life?

**Answer: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**

MEANS OF GRACE

**\*Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #175

*“He Set Me Free”*

**New Testament Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 1023

1 John 5

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 454

Psalm 18:1-6

**Sermon**

*“Christ Is Our Rock”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #499

*“Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me”*

**\*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.

*“Benediction”*

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**\*The Greeting of the Congregation**

**Taking the Gospel To the World**

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Psalm 18:1-6

Title: "Christ Is Our Rock"

# 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 Today's Service</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>

# July 2018


Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

<b>1 Appalachia</b>	<b>2 Appalachia</b> 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	<b>3 Appalachia</b>	<b>4 Appalachia</b> 	<b>5 Appalachia</b>
<b>8</b> 5:30 AE Circle 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Diaconate	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b> 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Session	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22 MISSIONS</b> 6:00 Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Competition	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29 CONGREGA- TIONAL CARE</b> 6:00 Youth Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 10- Don & Marilyn Duve
- 12- Stephen & Rebecca Kuo
- 26- Jon & Katherine Dix

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Eliana Pokopac
- 4- Summer Bohler
- 5- Esther Shields
- 6- Mike Cauthen
- 7- Erin Tindal
- 11- Amy Jones
- 11- Katie Rivers
- 13- Hazel Cauthen
- 13- Suzanne Lever
- 14- Melissa Roach
- 15- Mary Ella Jordan
- 17- Miranda Bohler
- 18- Anna Willis
- 21- Boyd Williams
- 22- Matt Hall
- 23- Shannon Mohr
- 24- I.W. Caskey
- 25- Carter Adams
- 25- Daniel Bohler
- 30- Betsy Rushing

## NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:15 Officer Meeting
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 6:00 Youth Group

**Friday**

**Saturday**

<b>6 Appalachia</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>13</b> 3:00 Youth Hangout	<b>14</b>
<b>20</b> 3:00 Youth Hangout	<b>21</b>
<b>27</b> 3:00 Youth Hangout	<b>28</b>

What are you? I know that many of you will automatically say that you are a Christian, but what does that mean? What does it mean to call yourself a Christian? Does it mean you were born in a particular place or to a particular family? Are you only a Christians like you are an American? Are you only a Christian like you are a member of your family?

To say you are a Christian should mean more than a local, cultural, or blood connection. It is not a movement. It is not a club. Sit down and think about what it means to be a Christian. What does being a Christian make you in this world? How should this be connecting with your life in every area?

Being a Christian means that God has called you to be his own and that you have responded, having seen your sin and the grace of God in Jesus Christ (Mark 1:14-15). This can be an emotional moment of clarity or it can be a slow work through a long period of life. The key is that it has happened and that you now see your need for Christ and desire to live for Christ in all things.

Being a Christian means that you are now engaged in a great fight against sin and for the glory and righteousness of God in your life (Romans 6:1-14). It means that you care about others because God has cared about you (Philippians 2:1-11). It means that the Word of God is precious to you because it is God's Word (Psalm 119:97-104). It means singing God's praise is something you cannot help but do because of who he is and what he has done for you (Romans 15:1-13). Even if you are a bad singer, it does not stop your joyful noise from joining in the worship of the living God.

Do not wake up in eternity and realize that your Christianity was not real. It was based on local, cultural, or blood affiliations (Matthews 7:21-23). Real Christianity comes from the Spirit of God bringing salvation to sinners (Titus 3:5). It results in you humbling yourself to confess Christ as Lord and in your then living for Him. Is this you? It needs to be!

# Prayer Emphasis

**Andrew Brunson** -There are some reports floating around that he may be released soon. We do not know if these are true or not, but they give us hope. Please pray for his safety, his testimony, his family, and for his quick release.

**Tom Wilson** -Many of you know that he has been going through a difficult time. Please pray for God's healing power in his life.

**George Mason** -Long term hospice has been called in for him at Heath Springs Residential Care Center. Pray for him as he is still in a lot of pain.

**Traveling Mercies** -Many are taking trips this summer pray for their safety.

**Men and Women's Bible Study/Small Groups** -Pray that we can find a time for those interested to come together to weekly study God's word and pray.

**Mayoral Election** -Pray for the election being held on Tuesday of this week (July 10).

**Evangelism** -Pray that God's grace will be seen by those around us. May they hear the Word of God and be drawn by the Holy Spirit. Pray that we might be part of this process.

**Appalachia VBS kids** -Pray that the gospel message will transform their lives and community.

## **Sister Churches**

Smyrna ARP- Smyrna, SC

Tirzah ARP- York, SC

# Announcements



**VISITORS** Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. Envelopes for tithes and special offerings are available at the front and rear entrances.

**HYMN SING AND ICE CREAM COMPETITION** Sign up now for the hymn sing and ice cream competition. This event will take place Sunday, July 22 at 6PM. There are several sheets for this event: favorite hymn, competitor, and attendee. Be sure to sign up on each list so we can include your favorite hymns, have plenty of good spirited competition, and have enough ice cream to go around.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Jul 8  | Alison Erskine Circle               |
| Jul 10 | Lunch Bunch- Wagon Wheel            |
| Jul 22 | <b>MISSIONS FUND</b>                |
| Jul 22 | Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Competition |
| Jul 29 | <b>CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND</b>     |
| Aug 5  | <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>             |
| Aug 19 | Fall Ministry Kick Off              |
| Aug 22 | Wednesday Night Kick Off            |



**SAVE THE DATE** Our annual congregational retreat to Bonclarken will be October 5-7, 2018. Registration forms will be available August 19 at the Fall Kick Off. Forms and payments will be due Sunday, September 9.

**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



**BIBLE STUDIES** Pastor Kyle working to set up Bible studies this Fall for both men and women. We are also working on establishing a Sunday morning College and Careers age class. One of the best ways you can grow in your knowledge of God is to get to know your fellow church members and become more connected into the life of the church. If you are interested in joining one of these studies please contact him.

**LUNCH BUNCH** We will meet Tuesday, July 10 at 11:30 for a meal at Wagon Wheel. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office if you plan to attend.



# 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- Heath Springs Residential Care  
I. W. Caskey  
Katey Powell  
Marilyn Duve  
Mary Ella Jordan  
Nancy Ogburn  
Pat Carmichael  
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  
Dorothy Reese- Natalie Carmichael's Mother-  
In-Law  
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  
Linda Adams- Erin Tindal's Mom  
Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom  
Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother  
Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend  
Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea  
Henley's Parents  
Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law  
Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

# Financials

<b>July 1, 2018</b>	
Attendance	55
General Fund	\$4,076
Total GF contributions this month	\$4,076
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$60

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions	\$21,230	\$137,722
Expenditures	\$20,041	137,420
Difference	<b>\$1,189</b>	<b>\$302</b>
<b>Missions Support</b>		
Contributions	\$1,355	\$4,006
Expenditures	\$1,726	\$9,469
<b>Congregational Care Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$70	\$291
Expenditures	\$0	\$340
<b>Memorial Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$0	\$2,590
Expenditures	\$0	\$830

**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.

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

# Volunteers

	<b>July 8</b>	<b>July 15</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Dell Ghent	Kimberly Hefner
<b>Toddlers</b>	Susan Prete	Miranda Bohler
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve	Chuck & Sonja Coale
<b>(S)</b>	Tom & Betty Arant	Wayne & Debbie Dickson
	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Frank Brackett	Richard Gardner
	Buddy Lever	Sam Prete
<b>Captain</b>	Debbie Dickson	Debby Hegler
<b>Ushers</b>	JB Powell	Phil Baer
	Sam Prete	Tom Strickland
	Lathan Rivers	Mary Strickland

# Staff and Officers

## STAFF

Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims 2018  
 Pastoral Intern- Mr. Ethan McConnell  
 Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich 2019  
 Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones  
 Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac 2020

## ELDERS

Ed Ogburn  
 Richard Crawford  
 Frank Brackett  
 Buddy Lever  
 Richard Gardner  
 Sam Prete

## DEACONS

Debbie Dickson  
 Keith Jaillette  
 Debby Hegler  
 Dave Mohr  
 Daniel Bohler  
 Richard Shields

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