

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to worship on this joyful Christmas Day.

We will have Christmas coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following worship.

**Wednesday Bible Study will resume on January 4, 3- 4:30 p.m.** We will spend the month of January studying the basic beliefs of other world religions and ways to share as Christians in Interfaith dialogue. Please join us for this study as we learn, discuss, and share in fellowship.

**Pastor Kathy will be on vacation this week.** Please call Fred France, the Clerk of Session, if you have concerns. His phone number is:828-387-0073.

**Sunday, January 1, 11 a.m., come and celebrate the Epiphany. Rev. Billy Robinson, the new Presbytery Associate for Congregational Development and Mission, will be our guest preacher.** He is an excellent preacher and would like to get to know our congregation. This is his first visit to Crossnore Presbyterian Church.

**Thanks to all who contributed toward our \$5,000 pledge for the 2016 Presbyterian Build for Avery County Habitat for Humanity.** We reached our goal and the Jones family will be moving into their new home in the next few weeks. This is the third year the Presbyterian Church Partners, have been able to help fund and build a Habitat House in our county.

**OUR ELDERS:** Class of 2016: Barbara Ross, Pepe` Abrusci, Fred France (Clerk of Session) ; Class of 2017: Tommie Tennant, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley ; Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila.  
Ashlyn DeWitt, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music  
Barbara Ross, Volunteer Church Administrator  
Attendance last Sunday: 29

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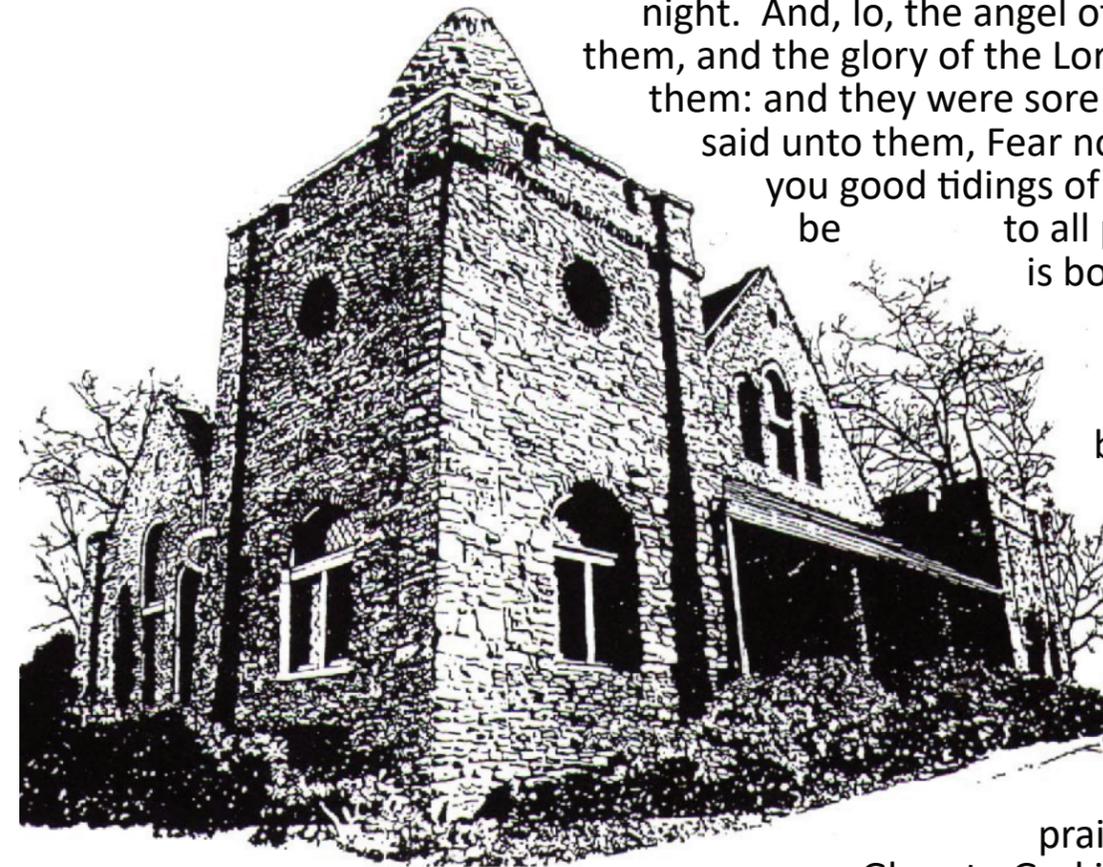
### Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace: **\*\*Linda Berkley** is a home recovering from a successful surgery on her sinuses. Her address is: 241 A Silver Springs Dr., Banner Elk, NC 28604. **\*\*Susy Martin** is home recovering from surgery on her arm and wrist. Her address is: P.O. Box 57, Plumtree, NC 28664. **\*\*David Ehmig** is recovering in the hospital from major back surgery. His address is: 618 Erwin Road, Sanford, NC 27330. **\*\*Bobby Taylor's** cousin, **Gene Braswell**, passed away on December 21. Bobby's address is: P.O. Box 102, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. **\*\*Karen Phillips**, Kathy's twin sister, is still struggling with pressure on the brain and tests have shown a high level of arsenic in her system. Her address is: 1816 N. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68154. **\*\*Deborah Garrison's** father, **Don Jendrey**, is struggling with liver disease. Her address is: P.O. Box 261, Crossnore, NC 28616. **\*\*Peggy Hardy** is in rehab after breaking her hip. Her address is: Apt. 4-209, 10334 Nu Vista Ave., Nu Vista Assisted Living at Wellington Green, Wellington, FL 33414. **\*\*Sylvia Gill** is at home recovering from successful back surgery. Her address is: 7110 Old Oak Lane, Mint Hill, NC 28227. **\*\*Michelle Lee** (Janis and Clarence Kenyon's daughter) is home recovering from a heart attack. Their address is: 24 Hanging Rock Estates Lane, Banner Elk, NC 28604. **\*\*Dedie Andrews** is suffering from cancer and is in need of our prayers. **\*\*Lorraine Alls** is having health concerns. Her address is: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Steve Padgett and Sherry Snodgrass**, neighbors and friends of Beth and Greg Gacek, are both undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. Beth and Greg's address is 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*\*Dona Cox** passed away peacefully after a long illness on October 29. Cards may be sent to her husband, Ed Cox, 2411 Emerald Lake Drive, Apt. 112, Sun City Center, FL 33573. **\*\*Carroll Berkley's** brother, **John Berkley**, has a treatment plan for his esophageal cancer and the prognosis is good. His address is: 12905 Barnsanlaw Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613. **Charles Berkley**, Carroll Berkley's uncle, is fighting pancreatic cancer. His address is: 270 Battlefield Dr., Dandridge, TN 37725. **\*\*Dottie** and Don Huston's daughter, **Julie Ann Roche**, continues her battle with cancer. **\*\*Ben and Amanda Frazier** would appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Their mailing address is: 3337 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657

Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



Historic Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Built 1924-26

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

~Luke 2:8-14



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

## THE GATHERING

**Prelude: *A Christmas Medley***  
**Chiming of the Hour**  
**Welcome, Church Family News**  
**The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ**

arr. by John Purifoy

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Choral Call to Worship: # 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain***

GO TELL IT

**\*Call to Worship:**

By the tender mercy of our God,  
**the dawn from on high will break upon us,**  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
**to guide our feet into the way of peace.**  
Come, for the time has drawn near;  
**come, let us welcome the Christ-child into our hearts anew!**

**Barbara Ross**

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful***

ADESTE FIDELES

**Call to Confession:**

On this holy morning as we gather to remember the babe born in Bethlehem, let us remember that this child is Christ, the Ruler of the Universe, the Lord of our lives. Let us come before the One who brings light to our darkness and healing to our brokenness.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Gracious God, you have sent your Son to us to show us the way. Even when we have turned our backs, followed our own paths, you offer us Light. Forgive us when we are so willful and stubborn. Forgive us when we think more about ourselves and our comforts than we think of reaching out to others. Remind us again that Jesus witnessed to us the Light of Love that serves, guides and heals. Thank you for loving us so much that you would give us this most precious gift. And when we again falter and fail, lift us again with your gentle touch. Pour the Light into our lives once more, that finally, we will fully understand the power and depth of your love for us (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

What has come into being through Christ is life, and the life is the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. The light now lives in each of us. Go, share the Light of the World, for the Light of the World is Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 137 *He Came Down***

HE CAME DOWN

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Our First Lesson: Isaiah 9:6-7**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Choir Anthem: *Come and Hear the Joyful Singing***

words by Michael Perry  
music by Hal H. Hopson

**Second Lesson: Luke 2:1-20**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into

\*Congregation stand as are able

his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Sermon: "Making Room for Christmas"**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn of Meditation: # 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice***

IN DULCI JUBILD

**Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory: *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head***

based on a traditional Appalachian melody  
arr. by Rick Braham

**\*Doxology: # 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**Great God, our Redeemer, we sing your praises. Your glorious love shines in the face of Jesus, born a babe in this dark world. We marvel that he generously humbled himself to bring salvation. How precious is your gift of love! May our gifts and offerings reflect the light of Christ and draw people far and near closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn: # 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

MENDELSSOHN

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *Carol of the Bells***

a Ukrainian carol  
arr. by Edward Broughton

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Barbara Ross