

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Please welcome **Rev. Billy Robinson**, the new **Presbytery Associate for Congregational Development and Mission**, as 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.

We will have 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 return from vacation this week.

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 Christmas Eve: 85, Attendance Last Sunday: 28

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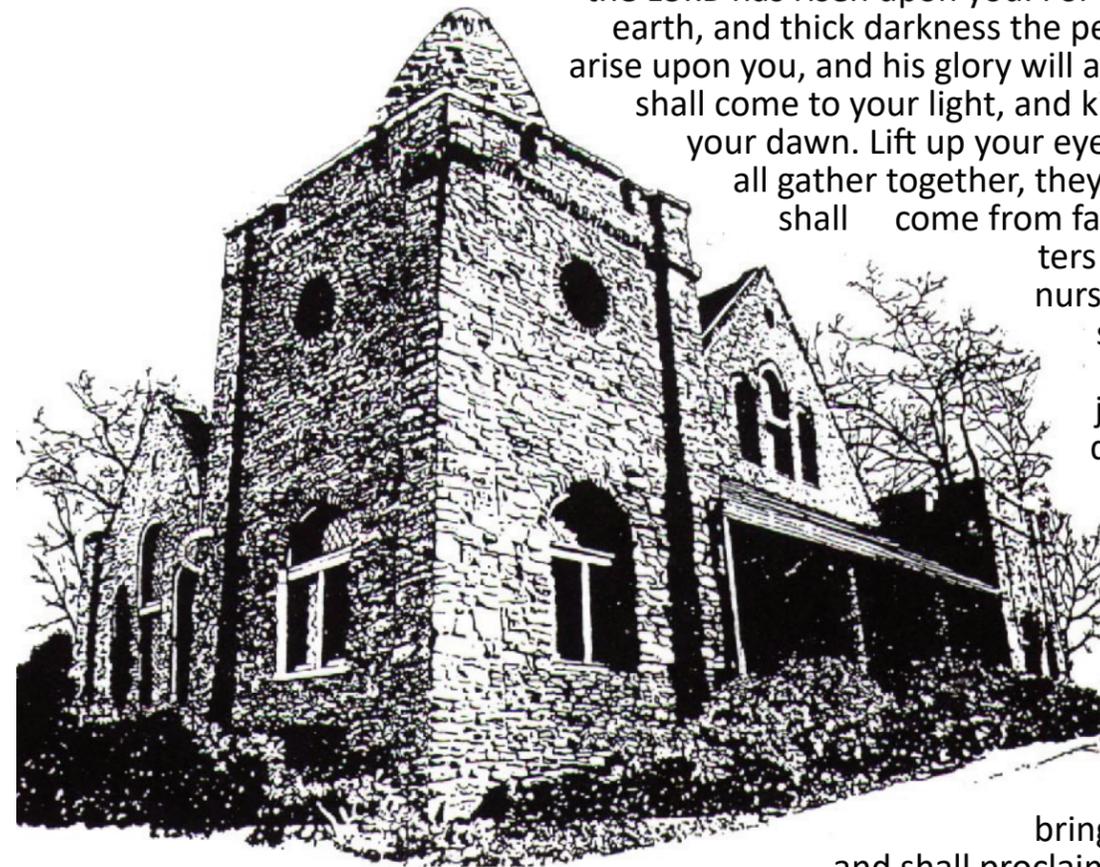
Prayers and Concerns

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 Ehmgig** 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. 111th 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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

~Isaiah 60:1-6



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

based on GOD REST YOU MERRY,
a traditional English carol
arr. by Gregg Sewell

**Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ**

Jason DeWitt

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

GO TELL IT

***Call to Worship:**
Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

Darkness has been banished!

God's light of hope floods the earth

God's light comes to us all.

Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

Prepare our hearts to receive this Light.

Hymn of Praise: # 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Call to Confession:

On this morning of light and love and joy, we must remember and confess how we dampen the spirits of others, speak hurtful words to those we love, and turn our backs on those in need. Join me, as we pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Manger-dwelling God, we heard the songs of the angels, yet we find it easy to tune-out the cries of the needy; we feel the breath of our children on our faces, yet we do not always acknowledge the breath of your Spirit within and around us; we are surrounded by gifts as precious as those brought by the Wise Ones, yet we have trouble sharing with those who are from other countries, other faiths.

Forgive us, Grace swaddled in mystery. We believe in Christmas; we hunger for happiness. Help us to believe in you even more; feed us on your peace. We long for community and acceptance. Surround us with our brothers and sisters we find in all those, of every age and every place, who follow and serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose coming we celebrate in this holy season of Epiphany (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Born that day was grace – for the broken and bereft;
born that day was hope – for the vulnerable and forgotten;
born that day was love – for all of us!

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

We will go to tell others of all we have seen, heard, experienced, and know.

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

HE CAME DOWN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

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Choir Anthem: *Who Are You?*

words & music by Robert S. Jarboe

*Congregation stand as are able

Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-18

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard of the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

Sermon:

Rev. Billy Robinson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

based on KINGS OF ORIENT
by John H. Hopkins, Jr.
arr. by Renee Gardner
PRAISE GOD

Doxology: # 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

May the gifts we share come from your light and love, Christ of Bethlehem. May they serve those who look for welcome, those who struggle with loss and grief, those who need to be blessed by hope. This we pray in the name of your Child, Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: # #145 *What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Communion Music: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

I Wonder As I Wander

based on CRANHAM by Gustave Holst
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
based on an Appalachian carol
arr. by John Jacob Niles & Lewis Henry Horton

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child

based on a traditional melody
arr. by Gary Davidson

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Guest Preacher: Billy Robinson; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Jason DeWitt