

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Barbara Ross will be preaching today. We also welcome back to our worship Daniel Johnston, guest musician.

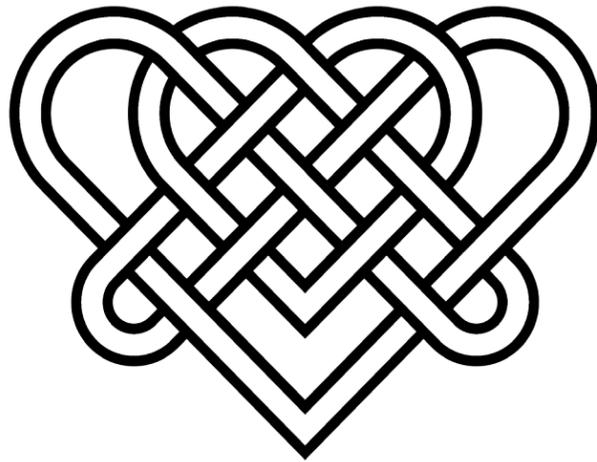
The Choir will not practice this coming Wednesday, April 26.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. has resumed. We hope to see you there!

Hats and Scarves for the Homeless Knitting Group meets on Thursdays from 1:00—3:00 p.m. We are knitting and crocheting for the Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless in Watauga, Avery and Ashe Counties.

Thank you to all who helped us meet our Lenten Mission Project goal of \$3,000! The money will be used to provide Educational Scholarships for 30 Guatemalan children and youth so they can stay in school. This partnership program is with our sister congregation, Libano Presbyterian Church, in Los Cerros, Guatemala.

There will be a WNC Presbytery meeting on April 25, at 9:00 a.m. at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. This meeting will include a wonderful worship service with Holy Communion, followed the business of the Presbytery.



OUR ELDERS: ; Class of 2017: Tommie Tennant, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley ; Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila., Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims
Ashlyn DeWitt, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music
Barbara Ross, Volunteer Church Administrator
Attendance last Sunday: 100

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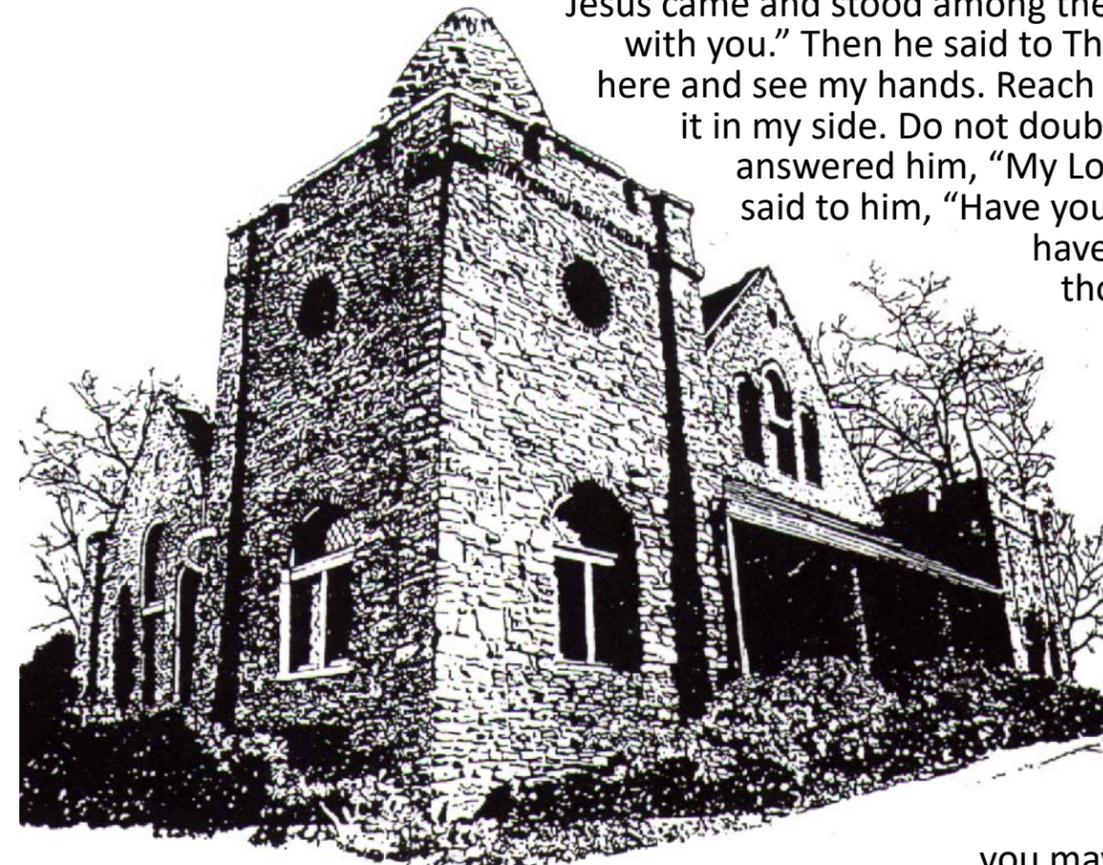
Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace**Larry Brown asks for prayers as his doctors continue to diagnose his hip problems. His address is: 906 West College Ave., Enterprise, AL 36330. ** Lorraine Alls is having tests run. She would appreciate your prayers as she awaits a diagnosis and a treatment plan. Her address is; Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. ** Tasha Reid has had a relapse of her multiple sclerosis and would appreciate your prayers. Her address is: 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. **Karen Phillips, Kathy's twin sister, is still struggling with pressure on the brain. There is no diagnosis as of yet. 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. **Dedie Andrews is suffering from cancer and is in need of our prayers. Sherry Snodgrass, a neighbor and friend of the Gaceks, continues her chemotherapy for cancer. Beth and Greg's address is: 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **Dottie and Don Huston's daughter, Julie Ann Roche, continues her battle with cancer.

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



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~John 20:26-31



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 23, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *I'll Fly Away*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

Daniel Johnston

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

text &music by Donald Fishel

Hymn of Praise: # 254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Call to Confession:

This is what God hopes for us – that we will speak of the mistakes we make, so we might be forgiven. Relying on the Spirit for the right words, let us pray and confess those mistakes together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we come confessing the ways we have failed to live as Easter people this week. You know our hearts. You know our good intentions and our struggles to live as faithful people. We try; sometimes we succeed and sometimes we fail. Help us to be as gentle with ourselves as You are, and in doing so, may we realize the true depth of Your gracious love. (moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Our sins are forgiven! Praise God!

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

WAYFARING STRANGER

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Second Lesson: Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Congregation stand as are able

Third Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Fourth Lesson: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

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Sermon: "Joy, Joy, Joy"

Barbara Ross

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 443 *There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

Prayers of the People:

On this morning when we are still reeling from the news of the resurrection we must remember how we sometimes dampen the spirits of others, speak harshly to those we care about and turn our backs to those in need.

God of life, father of the resurrected son, we offer to you this worship of our hearts and minds. You are worthy of all our praise because you alone are God, with the power of life. Thank you for offering us the hope of Easter not just on one Sunday, but today and every day of the year. Help us to claim and love that hope in the everyday challenges of our lives and the big issues that face our world. We lift up to you today the needs of those in our midst who need hope in so many ways. Some are struggling with the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a loss of faith. Lord, please send a beam of hope into their hearts, that they might be awakened to your presence. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Just a Closer Walk*

Daniel Johnston

Doxology: # 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

We thank you, oh God, for your many gifts—for the fellowship among us, for food, for clothing, for water to drink. We offer our gifts today to support your work in this place and in the world. Receive these gifts together with our hearts and our thanksgiving. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

based on ST. KEVEN
by Arthur Sullivan
arr. by Ron Loree

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Preacher: Barbara Ross; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Guest Musician: Daniel Johnston