

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Please welcome back Rev. Brent Price, who is our guest preacher for this today. Rev. Price is the Outreach Coordinator for Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge, Inc.

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3- 4:30 p.m.** Today, we will cover chapters 6, 7, & 8 of Ecclesiastes. We will continue with our study of Ecclesiastes through May. In June, we will begin *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. Rev. Hamilton uses the Apostle's Creed to consider "important questions of life, reality and truth". RSVP for a book (\$10) by contacting the church office, 828-733-1939.

**Choir meets to practice on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** We would love for you to join us!

**Hats (and scarves) for the Homeless meets on Thursdays from 1:00—3:00 p.m.** We are knitting for the Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless for Watauga, Avery and Ashe Counties.

**Next Sunday we will collect Food for People and Pets as well as Five Cents a Meal offering.** Set your bag full of groceries by the door this week, so you don't forget. Volunteer Avery is in desperate need of food for needy families and individuals!

**Also, next Sunday, May 28, we will have our Monthly Potluck Luncheon after worship.** Krista's Barbeque and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share—salad/slaw, baked beans, or dessert.

**Our first Country Breakfast of the summer will be held on Saturday, June 10, from 7-10 a.m.** Set-up will be on Friday, June 9, from 10 a.m.—12 noon. Call and leave Pepé Abrusci a message at 828-387-7676 to volunteer for either day.

**Thursday, June 15, we will have a "Church Family Dinner Out" at Puerto Nuevo from 6-7:30 p.m.** This will be a time of fellowship and laughter. All are welcome.

**Please be on the lookout for Marilyn Gascho's Bible!** It is in a black, zippered case and was left at church a week or two ago.

**Congratulations to Joanna Campbell! She is graduating from Center College with a B.S. in Chemistry today.** Karl and Pastor Kathy are with her on this day of celebration.

**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:45

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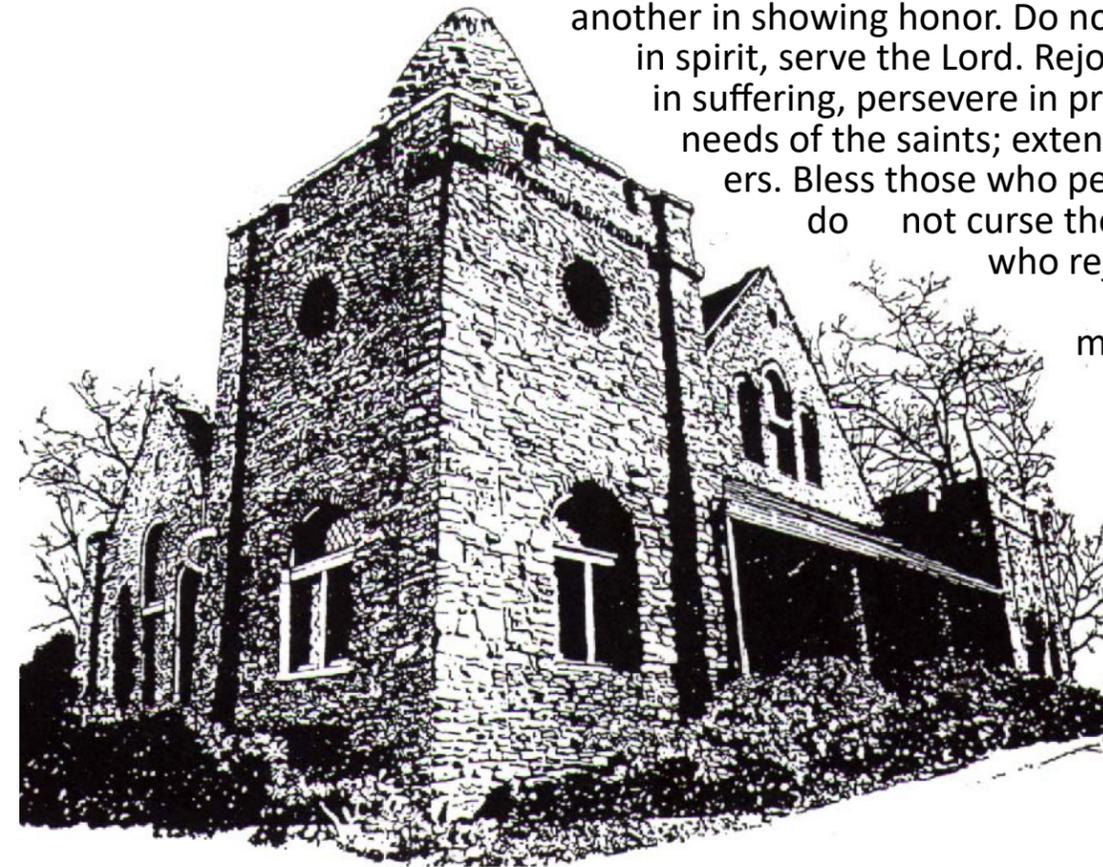
### Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. **\*\*Pepe Abrusci** is suffering from severe nose bleeds and is awaiting a diagnosis. Her address is: 195 Jaynes Rd. Apt. 30, Newland NC 28657. **\*\*John Berkley**, Carroll Berkley's brother, had successful bypass surgery and is doing well. His address is: **\*\*Beth Gacek's mother** had successful surgery after breaking her hip. Beth's address is: 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\* Anne Seawell**, a dear neighbor and friend of Pepé Abrusci, is struggling with a severe case of shingles. **\*\*Larry Brown** asks for prayers as he continues to deal with 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 continues to recover from her relapse of multiple sclerosis and would appreciate your prayers.** Her address is: 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. **\*\*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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Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

~Romans 12:9-18



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 21, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

# THE GATHERING

**Prelude: *I Stand Amazed in the Presence***

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

based on MY SAVIOR'S LOVE  
arr. by Benjamin Harlan

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,  
those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah  
Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.  
I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Choral Call to Worship: # 243 *Be Not Afraid***

BE NOT AFRAID

**\*Call to Worship:**

Come to worship, people of God with praises on your lips.

**We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.**

Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

**Where the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.**

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

**We will tell of the joy and of the love, of the peace, and of the hope which is ours.**

Linda Berkley

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth***

DIX

**Call to Confession:**

What is our hope? Simply put, it is that God does not give up on us. With such good news, we can dare to bring our prayers to the One who will not cast aside our words or our hearts. Please join me as we pray together.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**We admit, Knowing God, that from plastic cards to websites, from handheld devices to stock options, we are surrounded by a variety of gods that demand our worship. We can all too easily believe that productivity and wealth are the reason for our being, and that success is the very air we breathe.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. You are not found in a computer chip, but in the child who holds our hand. You are not a simple tweet, but the Living Word that can transform our very lives. You are not a disembodied recording but the One who calls us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

**We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 462 *I Love To Tell the Story (verse 1)***

HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know its true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Our First Lesson: Psalm 66:8-20**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

\*Congregation stand as are able

**Choir Anthem: *O God Beyond All Praising***

words by Michael Perry  
music by Gustav T. Holst

**Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-18**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Sermon: "The New Spirituality: Fame & Fortune"**

Rev. Brent Price

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn of Meditation: # 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!***

ASSURANCE

**Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *Immortal Love, Forever Full***

based on SERENITY  
arr. Michael Cox  
OLD HUNDRETH

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

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

**Gracious God, you are the Lord of heaven and earth. You sent Christ your Son to fully reveal your abundant and deep love for all you have created. We long to be more like Jesus who kept your commandments in every respect. Let our thoughts and deeds be directed by your Spirit of truth, who lives in our hearts. Use these gifts and offerings to advance our church's ministries, so that our neighbors will experience your loving care. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn: # 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

arr. by Donald F. Marsh

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Guest Minister: Rev. Brent Price; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Linda Berkley