

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to Worship this morning at Crossnore Presbyterian Church. If you are visiting for the first time, we hope you feel God's presence in our worship, ministry, and fellowship. If you would like a call or a visit, please include your contact information on the Register of Friendship. If you are here for the summer, please include your local phone number, email address and/or mailing address. If you are interested in finding out more about our ministry or how to become a full member or an affiliate member, please contact Pastor Kathy (828-260-2512) or talk to one of our elders.

One of the significant needs for homeless adults and children is socks. Today we are collecting socks for the Hospitality House in Boone.

There will be a Session Meeting this Sunday, August 27, after worship. On Sunday, September 10, at 10 a.m., there will be a special session meeting to receive new members.

Wednesday: Bible Study—3-4:30 p.m. We began a new Bible Study Wednesday, August 23, 3-4:30 p.m. We are studying Fresh Air: the Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life by Jack Levison, Professor of New Testament Studies at Seattle Pacific University.

Thursday: Knitting Hats and Scarves for the Hospitality House in Boone—On Thursday, August 31, we will meet at 11:30 a.m. to go to lunch together and then deliver the hats and scarves and socks. Anyone who has participated in the knitting group is invited to join us for an afternoon of fun.

Our Annual Church Picnic will be Tuesday, August 29, 5-7 p.m., at the Point in Land Harbor. We need people to help grill the hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. You may also wish to bring folding chairs. The picnic table benches are hard.

Please pick up your 2017 Church Directory after worship today. We will mail out the remaining directories this week.

Bob Taylor, Doug Noble, Charlie Sims, Linda Berkley and Barbara Ross attended a Presbytery of WNC sponsored program for small congregations on Generosity and Stewardship in Morganton at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, August 22. They report that it was extremely well done and very informative. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

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: 74

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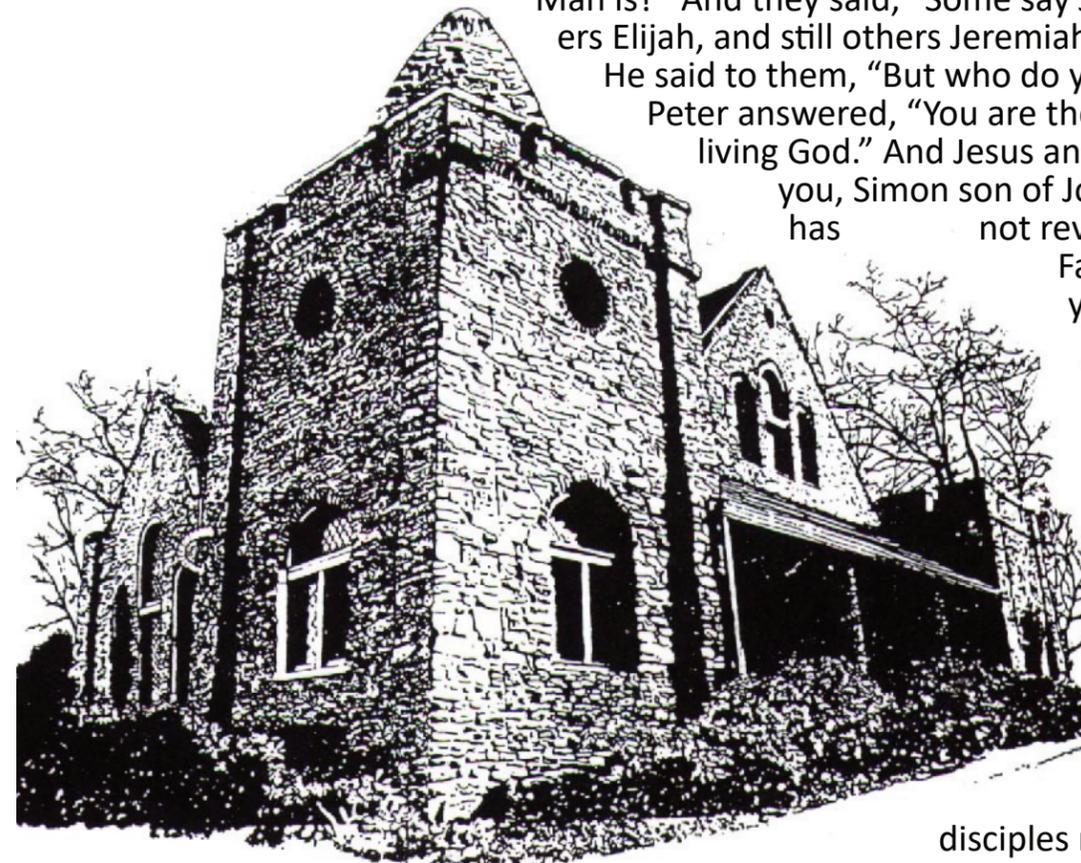
Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. ****Don Huston's brother, Bob,** had successful quintuple bypass surgery last Sunday. Don and Dottie Huston's address is: 8467 SW 84th Loop, Ocala, FL 34481. ****Linda Drivas's son, Mike,** passed away unexpectedly on August 10. Her address is: 1365 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657 ****Kay Sherwood** is staying with her son as she recovers from a stroke. Her address is: 572 Bradenton Rd, Venice FL 34293. ****Mary Wiseheart** continues to recover from a heart attack. ****Pat Shrader** is living with cancer. She and Dave have returned to Mount Pleasant. Pat and Dave's address is 3483 Stockton Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466. ****Bobby Taylor's brother, Pat Taylor,** is fighting bone cancer. Bobby's address is: P.O. Box 102 Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Charlotte Davila's brother, Guy Genske** is struggling with alcoholism. Her granddaughter, **Barbara,** lost her baby boy through a miscarriage. Charlotte's address is: P.O. Box 38, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Lorraine Alls** is struggling with leg and back issues. 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.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

~Matthew 16:13-20



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 27, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Here I Am, Lord*

music by Daniel L. Schutte
arr. by Jack Schrader

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

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 1 *As the Deer* (Songs of Worship)

AS THE DEER

***Call to Worship:**

Ashlyn DeWitt

O Lord our God, we come together with songs of praise in our hearts, because of your unfailing love and faithfulness.

Even though we struggle with life's issues, your mercy blesses us.

Listening God, we come together with prayers of thanks in our hearts, because you hear and answer our prayers.

Even though life is sometimes difficult, your strength blesses us.

Welcoming God, we come together in reverent worship, because your faithful love endures forever.

Even though we sometimes feel lost and abandoned, God's love blesses us and never changes.

Thanks and praise be to our glorious God for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: # 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Call to Confession:

We are so much like Peter. Jesus tells us what it will take to follow him, and we want to argue. Jesus shows us the way to the Kingdom and we look for another path. Let us put down all that keeps us from following Jesus, as we confess our lives to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in all the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and go forth to serve your people (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

It is so easy to think like the world, that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live for others, we will find true freedom.

Not only our minds, but may God transform our hearts and spirits into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 434 *Restore in Us, O God*

BAYLOR

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy,

*Congregation stand as are able

in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Choral Anthem: *How Great Thou Art & Majesty, A Medley*

words by Stuart K. Hine & Jack Hayford
choral setting by Joel Raney

Second Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

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Sermon: "Who Do You Say that I Am?"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

A Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith:

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: # 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music,
Part Second, 1813
arr. by Nancy Lyons Smith
arr. by Jeff Underwood

OLD HUNDRETH

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

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

We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, but with our lives and these gifts we offer to you, O God, we pray that others might be transformed by your grace, your hope, and your peace. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 300 *We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship/Praise the Lord Together (Singin' Alleluia)

arr. by Carol Tornquist

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music; Kathy Hutcheson