

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 fall, 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.

There will be a **Chili Potluck Luncheon after worship today**. All are welcome. Please come and join us for this time of fellowship

There will be a **regular Session meeting after worship on Sunday, October 29**.

Choir will practice Wednesday, October 25th at 5:00 p.m. It will be our last Wednesday practice until spring. We will begin meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on October 29.

The Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays, from 1:00—3:00 p.m. Please come and join us!

Wednesday Bible Study—3-4:30 p.m. We are studying **Fresh Air: the Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life** by Jack Levison.

We will be celebrating the **500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on Sunday, November 5**. John Calvin, Martin Luther, and John Wesley have been extended invitations to speak that day...we'll see if they accept our invitation. October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his ninety five theses to the Wittenburg Church door and this is traditionally the date that marks the beginning of the Reformation. **Pastor Kathy will also be offering a special Bible Study on the Reformed Tradition during the Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. for the month of November.** This is a great time to remember and to gain a deeper understanding of our Reformed history and beliefs then and now.

A Chili Benefit Supper Thank You to Crossnore Presbyterian Church - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16. This verse is so much you and your wonderful congregation. We cannot thank you all enough for all the work and money that went into the fund raiser dinner you did for us. Our school is so lucky to have a church that cares for our students the way you all do. Please tell your congregation how much we appreciate all you do. Again we are so lucky to live in a community that cares for our children the way you all do. Sincerely, **Matthew Bentley**, Principal, Crossnore Elementary School.

Ann and Bill Blazer stopped by on Tuesday with a beautiful gift for our congregation. The magnificent quilt Ann created, pieced together, and sewed with love pouring out of every piece and stitch is now hanging on the wall of our fellowship hall. She gave this gift from her heart to our church family as a thank you for the love and friendship this congregation has poured out on them. They are leaving this weekend to winter in Florida but will be back in the spring. Thank you Ann for such a precious gift!

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: 80

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Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. **** Please keep Carroll and Linda Berkley and family** in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Carroll's uncle, **Charles Berkley** and sister-in-law, **Kay Berkley**. Carroll's brother, **John Berkley**, continues living with cancer. Their address is: 241 A Silver Springs Dr., Banner Elk, NC 28604. **Bennie Frazier** is still at the rehab center and hopes to move to his daughter's home next week. **All cards and letters are welcome and appreciated!** His address is: Ben Frazier, c/o Rosie Culbreath, 663 Warren St., Concord, NC 28025. ****Kay Sherwood** is back in Land Harbor and continuing to recover from her stroke. Her address is: 3107 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Mamie (Chick) Leemon, a former member of our church**, lost her father a week ago at the age of 101. Her address is: 2805 Spring House Road, Greensboro, NC 27410. ****Bennie Frazier** is still in rehab in Concord but hopes to move to his daughter's home next week. **Cards and letters are welcome and appreciated.** His address is: Ben Frazier, c/o Rosie Culbreath, 663 Warren St., Concord, NC 28025. ****Bobby Taylor's brother, Pat Taylor**, is fighting amyloidosis. 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. ****Please keep Joanna Campbell** in your prayers as she begins her PhD program in Chemistry at Duke University. Her address is: 1426 White Pine Dr, Durham, NC 27705.

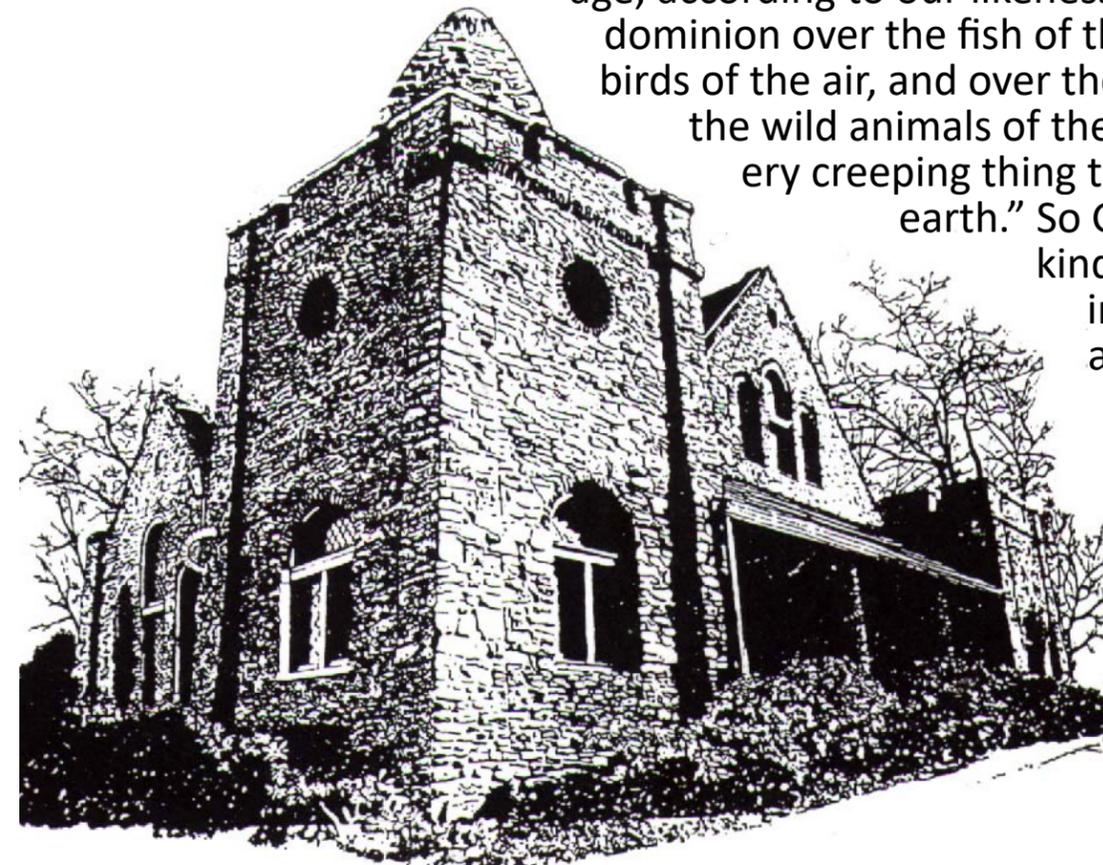
Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

~Genesis 1:26-27



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CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 22, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *A Child of the King with I'd Rather Have Jesus*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

arr. by Marilyn Ham

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 175 *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

Call to Worship:

The world tells us we need to be part of something big and bold;

We belong to God.

The world tells us to put our hope in wealth and success;

We put our faith and trust in Jesus.

The world tells us to seek our own gain and satisfaction;

We seek joy in the Spirit of God.

Come, let us worship God, who leads us away from the ways of the world.

Let us follow and live into the Way of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Charlotte Davila

Hymn of Praise: # 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN OF JOY

Call to Confession:

We know, despite our sincere efforts to live in God's way, that all too easily we slip off the path to the kingdom. Trusting that God will answer our prayers and forgive us, let us confess our sins together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people equally, we take sides and pick favorites; chosen to be your children, we arrogantly assume others are not so honored; challenged to be examples of faith, we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends.

Forgive us, Giver of Rest. Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can open our hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope. As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us, may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news: the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked - forgiven us, healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Welcoming Our New Affiliate Members: Joel and Joan Strickland

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Genesis 1:26-27

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Choral Anthem: *The Time For Turning*

words by Pamela Martin
tune: SALLEY GARDENS, a traditional Irish melody
arr. by Craig Courtney

*Congregation stand as are able

Second Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon: "Who Do You Look Like?"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith: 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 triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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: # 463 *How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Speak, Lord, in the Stillness* with *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

arr. by Penny Rodriguez

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

OLD HUNDREDDTH

*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

You do not choose favorites, Holy God, but pour out your blessings on all your children, trusting that we will empty our hearts, our lives, our treasure in meeting the needs of those around us. Bless these gifts, and use them to bring healing and hope to your people. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 450 *Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Immortal, Invisible

based on ST. DENIO
a traditional Welsh melody
arr. by David Paxton

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist; Charlotte Davilar