

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 is a regular Session meeting after worship and coffee hour today.

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

This morning, the choir began meeting from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and will continue meeting at this time until spring. We are on our winter schedule and will not meet to practice on Wednesdays until the spring.

We are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on Sunday, November 5, during worship. 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 is 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.

Thanks to all who helped with last Sunday's Chili Potluck. The chili, salads, and desserts were wonderful. A special thank to those who helped organize, set up and served, particularly those who stayed to clean up!

We collected \$3075.00 to be sent to the Presbyterian Hurricane Relief Fund. Any money that was intended for a particular storm has been sent with the appropriate designation. We are very appreciative of all of those who contributed to this outreach.

As we look ahead to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, please mark your calendars for these two events.

1. Thanksgiving Luncheon—Sunday, November 19, after worship. Smoked Turkey will be provided.

2. Christmas Luncheon—Sunday, December 17, after worship.

We welcome our new members! Mr. Joel and Mrs. Joan Strickland, 745 W 2nd Avenue, Windermere, FL 34786; Joel's Cell Phone: 407-284-0035; Joan's Cell Phone: 407-701-7596; jojo.strickland@aol.com. We are both retired and got married in 2012 in Greenville, Mississippi. Collectively, we have 10 grandchildren, ages 3 through 25. Joan is a native of Crossett, AK, and Joel hails from Waltherboro, SC. Joan is a long time active Episcopalian and Joel's father was a Baptist minister. Our home church is St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Windermere, FL. St. Luke's UMC is active in Cuba ministry, Compassion International (Ethiopian children), Jamaica ministry, and ZOE (Rwandan orphans). We are excited about being Affiliate Members of Crossnore Presbyterian Church because of the congregation's warmth and openness and the many ways you are serving locally and globally. We are back and forth from the mountains to Florida all throughout the year but we always enjoy our time in the High Country.

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: 63

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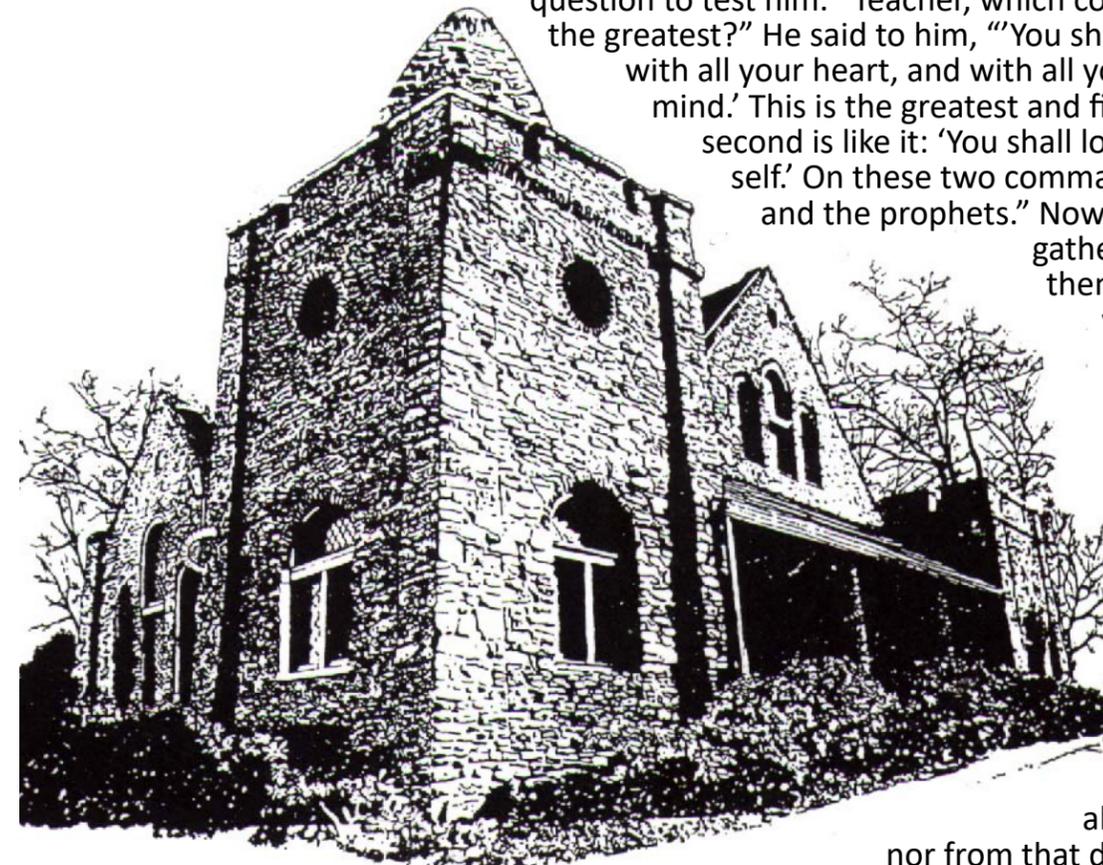
Prayers and Concerns

****Please keep Bonny and Ron Whilden in your thoughts and prayers.** Bonny is dealing with kidney cancer. Ron has suffered a stroke and is dealing with prostate cancer. Their address is 3434 Dublin Rd., Charlotte, NC 28208. **** 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** hopes to move out of rehab and into 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. ****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.

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

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~Matthew 22:34-46



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 29, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *As the Deer* with *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

arr. by Mark Hayes

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

LAFFERTY

Call to Worship:

We are invited to share in Christ's ministry of compassion.

We will widen our hearts so we might cradle the lost.

We are challenged to learn more about God each day.

We will open our minds so we might discern God's dreams for us.

We are summoned to let the Spirit be planted within us.

We will deepen our souls so we might grow in love.

Let us worship together the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Rev. Margaret Lauterer

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

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Call to Confession:

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel, but we all too often act as if the memos from sin and death have more influence in our lives. Let us confess our sins, so we might know God's great love for us.

Litany of Confession:

God of love and justice, you are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end. We come into this place, gathered as your people, listening for the voice of your Spirit, still speaking in the wilderness of our hearts. We know your commandments, we can say all the right words...and yet we confess to you that our lives are not always a demonstration of your love.

We have looked for loopholes or created reasons to follow our own way. We admit that we have trusted in other gods—gods of money, security, family, or power. We are on a first name basis with the gods of greed and jealousy, and we are loathe to turn away from the god of privilege.

Our everyday actions often proclaim any number of idols, and we come now to ask your forgiveness and help. We cannot leave them behind without your strong hand to guide us in the right way. Give us once again the joy of your grace, and set us on the sure foundation of your Word. It is in you, Lord, that we live and move and have our being.

As you forgive so freely, fill us again with your blessings of grace and mercy that we may show your glory in every word, thought, and deed (moment of silent confession). **We pray in the name of Christ, whose faithfulness is our hope and our light. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come, God's compassion and hope fill our lives. What joyous good news!

Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

NETTLETON

Renewal of the Ordination Vows of Rev. Kathy Campbell on the Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Her Ordination

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

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*Congregation stand as are able

first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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Choral Anthem: *Lord, You Have Been My Dwelling Place*

words & music by Nancy Gordon & Dennis Allen
arr. by Jimbo Stevens

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,

though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Sermon: "God's Story, Our Stories"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

***Hymn of Meditation: # 838** *Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

based on OLIVET by Lowell Mason
arr. by Edwin Cole Spencer

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

God who guides us on the journey, we offer our tithes and offerings to you and pray that the gifts we give might be used to bring your kingdom here on earth. Often, it feels like we won't get to see it; and like Moses, we will make the journey, but never get to cross into the place you have promised. Strengthen us, by your Spirit, to stay true to the journey, and to look toward the destination, not with our eyes or ears but with our hearts. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus, our Rock and the Light of the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

***Closing Hymn: # 306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Jubilate

by John Johnson

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist; Rev. Margaret Lauterer; Greeters: Jim and JoAnn Harlee