

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

Welcome to worship this morning. As part of our Thanksgiving Sunday and out of gratitude for God's grace and love, we will be offering the 2018 pledges of our time, talents, and treasures—a pledge form is included in your bulletin. Our church family Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held following worship. There is plenty of food for everyone, so please join us!

Our November Mission Project is providing 14 Thanksgiving Baskets to those in desperate need in our community—Volunteer Avery has provided us with the names of these individuals and families. Each home will receive a \$100 Ingles grocery card and a basket full of goodies and toiletries. We hope to raise enough funds to provide for 14 needy individuals and families. Make checks out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate for Thanksgiving Baskets. We have received \$500 so far and \$900 yet to go! We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the baskets the week of Thanksgiving. Thank you for caring and sharing! We will be receiving financial donations for the Thanksgiving baskets until the end of November.

The Knitting group will not meet on Wednesday, November 22. Wednesday, November 29, they will take their Christmas hats to Hospitality House in Boone. The group will not meet through December. Please come and join in January on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday, November 22. On Wednesday, November 29, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., we will begin our Advent study of Joseph using Adam Hamilton's Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph. Although Joseph never speaks in the narrative of the nativity story and is often overlooked, his humble obedience to God and his courageous actions give us examples of faithfully moving forward in the strength God provides even when we don't understand His plan. Please let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to reserve a book for \$10.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, and will reopen on Tuesday, November 27.

The next Session Meeting will be December 3 after worship and coffee fellowship.

**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: 39

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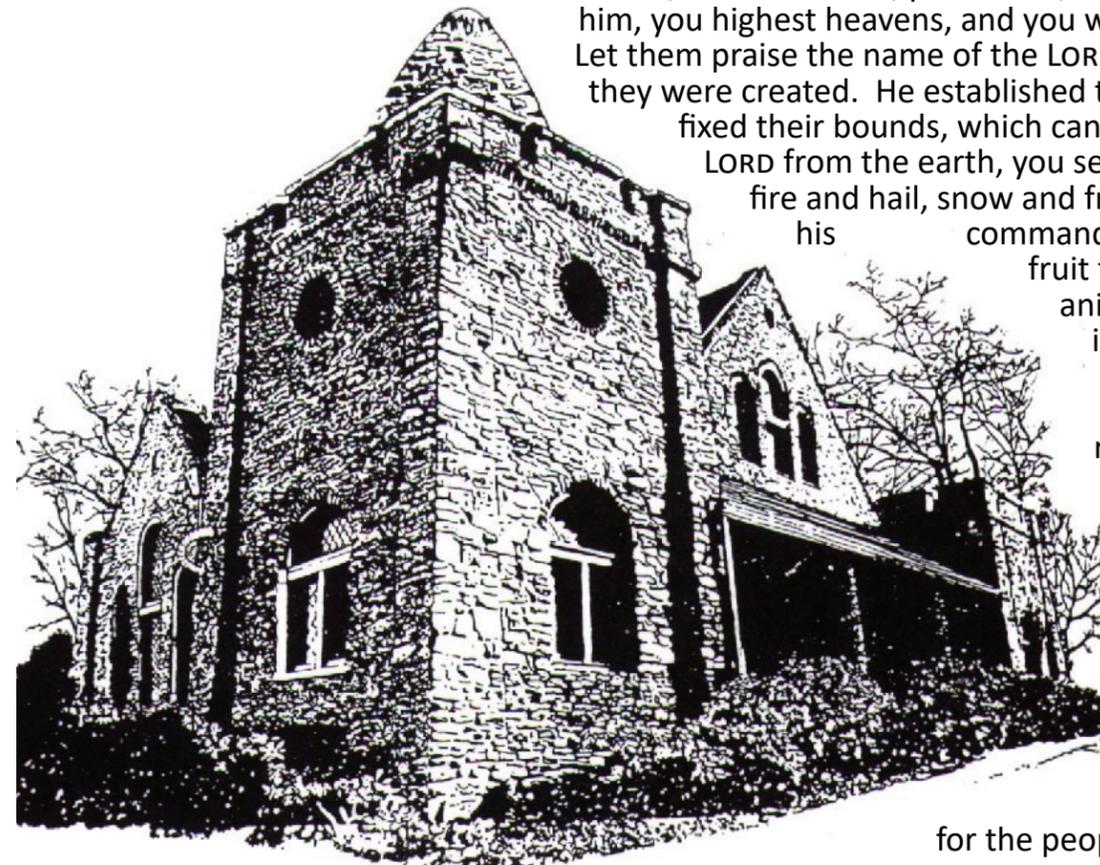
**Prayers and Concerns**

**\*\*Barbara Stuart's 93 year old father** is recovering from major surgery. Her address is: **\*\*Barbara Ross** is recovering from cataract surgery. Her address is: P.O. Box 30, Crossnore, NC 28616. **\*\*Marion Blue asks for prayers for her friend, Lilly**, who is 15, with a kidney infection. The doctors had to amputate part of her leg. Marion's address is: 1057 Walt Clark Rd., Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Bennie Frazier** has moved from rehab and is with his daughter Rosie. He is continuing physical therapy. He looks forward to coming home! Bennie has truly enjoyed all the cards and letters. You can call Bennie at the Culbreaths' home phone: 1-704-788-3930. His address is: Ben Frazier, c/o Rosie Culbreath, 663 Warren St., Concord, NC 28025. **\*\*Please keep Bonny Whilden** in your prayers. She is the sister of Sharon Lawing and is fighting kidney cancer. Her address is: 3434 Dublin Road, 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. **\*\*Kay Sherwood** is back in Land Harbor and continuing to recover from her stroke. Her address is 3107 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*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. 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

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

~Psalm 148



**CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA**

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

## THE GATHERING

**Prelude: *For the Fruit of All Creation***

based on AR HYD Y NOS,  
a traditional Welsh melody  
arr. by Jane Holstein

**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:**  
This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.  
**This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.**  
This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.  
**This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.**  
This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!  
**This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!**

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 336 *We Gather Together***

KREMSEER

**Call to Confession:**

When we remember all the mistakes we have made, all the careless words we have spoken, all the contempt we have given to those around us, we have trouble looking God in the eye. But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us, even as we hesitate to speak of the brokenness of our hearts. Let us confess our sins before God.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Again we must confess, Master of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ.  
**The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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

WAYFARING STRANGER

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**First Lesson: Psalm 148**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

**Choral Anthem: *I Sing a Song of Thanks & Joy***

words & music by Hal H. Hopson

**Second Lesson: Matthew 25:14-29**

\*Congregation stand as are able

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

**Sermon: “God's Talent Show”**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*Thanksgiving Litany (bulletin insert)**

**\*Hymn of Meditation: # 712 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought***

FOREST GREEN

**Presentation of Our Tithes, Offerings and Pledges**

**Offertory: *A Poem of Thanks***

based on NUN DANKETE by Johanan Crüger  
arr. by Kevin E. Cummings

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

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

Almighty God, each new day finds us blessed abundantly with your gift of life and love that sustains us in all circumstances. This morning we thank you for the opportunity to be a blessing to others through the offering of our time, our talents, and our financial commitments. We know that all we are and all we have is gift from you and we are delighted to share in your ministry through Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Bless these offerings and pledges that our lives and our gifts may further the work of your kingdom. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

## THE SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn: # 37 *Let All Now Living***

ASH GROVE

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *All Things Bright and Beautiful***

based on ROYAL OAK  
a traditional English Melody  
arr. by Lani Smith

*THOSE SERVING US TODAY*

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Greeters: Eric & Jane Sowder