

## THE GATHERING

### Prelude:

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Family News

The Passing of the Peace of Christ

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Choral to Worship: # 544 *Bless the Lord*** (twice)

BLESS THE LORD

### \*Call to Worship:

Before we were born, God knew us.

**God knit us together in the womb.**

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

**How wonderful are God's works! Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 625 *O Lord My God How Great Thou Art***

HOW GREAT THOU ART

### Call to Confession:

God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading, You are stillness when we are frantic; You are truth when we are confused and perplexed; You are freedom when we are paralyzed by fear; You are light when we stumble in the darkness; You are love when we are lonely and empty. For all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be, we praise you, Creator, Christ, Spirit. Desiring to be transformed people, we bring to you our prayers of confession.

### Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life but we have settled for much less. We have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, ignored the pain of others, and turned our faces from injustice. At times we have hidden from the truth, especially when it calls us to do what we are afraid to do. We have created safe spaces for ourselves, without concern for those outside. We have given up in despair when the problems of the world overwhelm us. Forgive us. Give us courage to listen and respond when you call (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us, Christ offers us new life. Alleluia! Amen.

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling***

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

### Choir Anthem:

**Sermon: "Love and Faith Without Seeing"  
"Hope Found in the Scripture"**

**Doug Noble  
Mary Noble**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand

of God, the Father almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church'

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen

**\*Hymn of Meditation: # 462 *I Love to Tell the Story***

HANKEY

**Prayers of the People: Billy Graham's Prayer for the New Year from the 2008 Saturday Evening Post**

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory:

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

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

God of wisdom, we are amazed that you know everything and understand everyone. Long ago, you established your plans to redeem the world from our sin. Your prophets prepared the way for Jesus, who lived as a teacher and healer, embodying your righteousness and grace. Help us to grow in maturity as disciples who follow Christ with trusting hearts. We dedicate these tithes and offerings for your work in our community of faith, through Jesus' name. Amen.

## THE SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn: # 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See***

OPEN MY EYES

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude:**

Serving us today –Worship Leaders: Doug and Mary Noble; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson

## Announcements

**Our Christmas Eve services donations went to Volunteer Avery. We collected \$2657.47** which will be used by Volunteer Avery to provide food, medicine, heat and shelter to some of Avery County's most needy.

**We are beginning a new Sunday School study. Experiencing the Heart of Jesus: Knowing His Heart, Feeling His Love.** is "designed to be a very unique approach to bringing people closer to the very heart and soul of Jesus, and to help them have a more intimate knowledge of how His gospel flows through His relationship with us, and our relationships with others. This book explores the beautiful human qualities of Jesus that we emulate in order to find peace in the midst of chaos." Please join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Books are \$10.00.

**We will resume weekly Bible Study, Wednesday, January 17, 3:00—4:30 p.m.** We will continue our study of Joseph.

**There will be a Greeters Meeting on Thursday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.**

**There will be a session meeting after worship on January 21.**

**Mayland Fellowship will meet Sunday, January 28 at First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville.** Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m.

### OUR ELDER

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: Voluntary Church Administrator  
Attendance Last Sunday: 22

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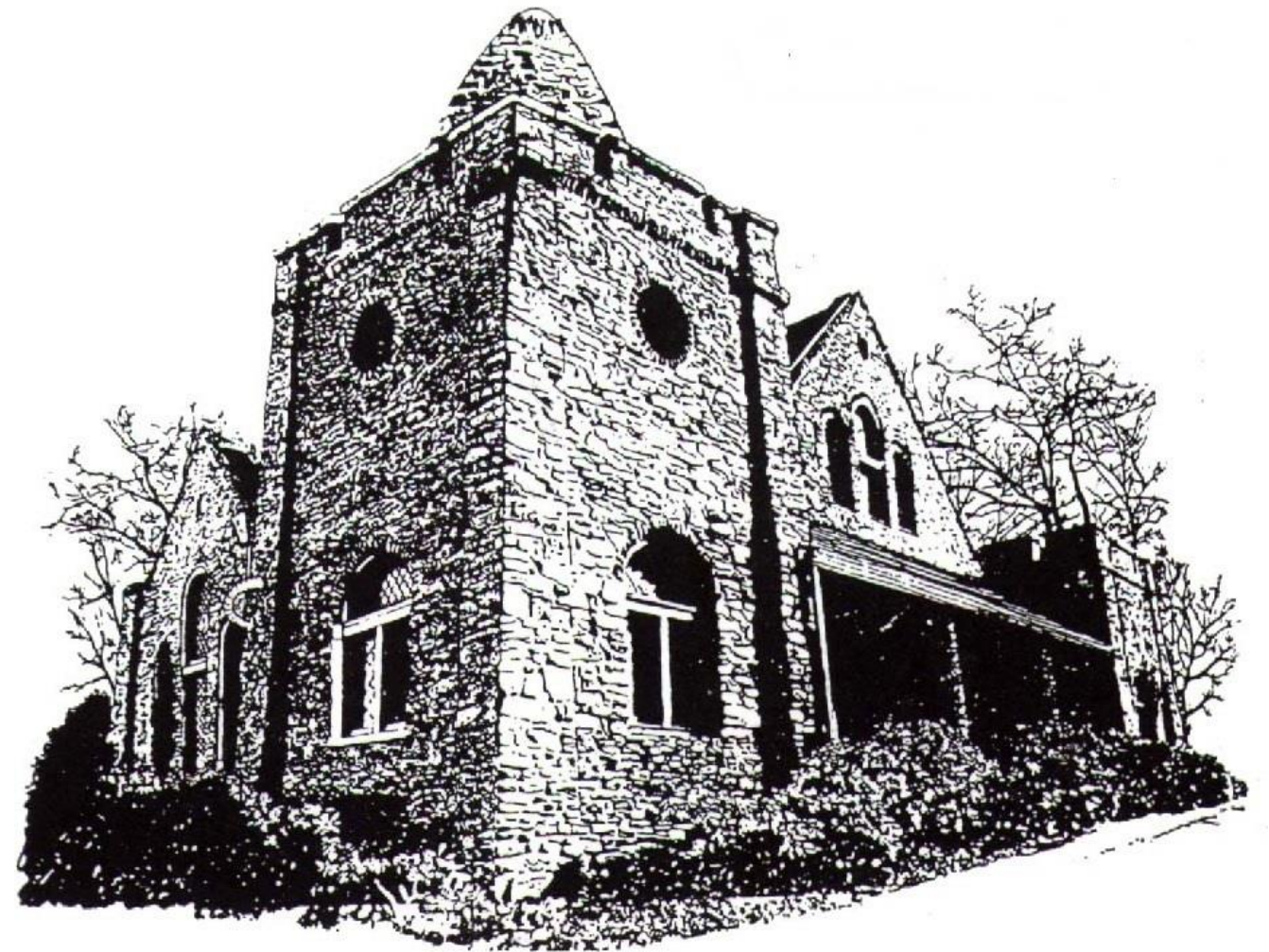
### Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

**\*\*Carroll Berkley has had another heart episode.** Linda and he would appreciate your prayers. There address: 241 A Silver Springs, Banner Elk, NC 28604. **\*\*Sally Rodgers' husband, Scottie Rodgers,** passed away on November 30, after a long battle with cancer. They were longtime summer members of our congregation. Scottie's memorial service was held on December 16 in St. Simons Island, Georgia. Sally's address: 110 Sandcastle Way, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. **\*\*Jon and Pam Kidder** are proud grandparents of Wyatt Edward Hudson; born December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 lbs. 15 oz. Mom and baby are doing great. The Kidder's address: 7617 Thompson Mill road, Wake Forest, NC 27587-9094. **\*\*Barbara Stuart's father** is doing well after surgery. She thanks us for our prayers and asks that we continue to pray. Barbara's address: 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804. **\*\*Ginger Hickman's mother, Marceil Hoyle,** has passed away. Ginger is Patricia McGarr's daughter-in-law. Ginger and her husband Mark's address: 11522 Quiet Pine Court, Charlotte, NC 28273. **\*\*Clarence Kenyon's brother's wife, Tarina, passed away.** The Kenyon's address: 24 Hanging Rock Estates Lane, Banner Elk, NC 28604. **\*\*Marion Blue's teenage friend, Lilly, passed away.** Marion's address is 1057 Walt Clark Road, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Bennie Frazier** is with his daughter Rosie. Bennie enjoys all the cards and letters he has received. Keep them coming. His address: Bennie Frazier, c/o Rosie Culbreath, 663 Warren St., Concord, NC 28025. **\*\*Lorraine Alls** is struggling with leg and back issues. She would appreciate your prayers. Her address: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 14, 2018  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.