

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

arr. by Joel Raney

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

BLESS THE LORD

***Call to Worship:**

As people, as a group, as a community of faith –
we gather in this place.

To listen.

To speak.

To worship.

To pray.

To be with God because we know –

it is out of God's authority, it is out of God's love, that we live.

Alleluia!

Ashlyn DeWitt

Hymn of Praise # 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Call to Confession:

It's very simple: all God asks is that we recognize our sin and acknowledge it. And why? When we offer our prayers of confession, God takes them from us and fills our hearts with such an abundance of mercy, we cannot hold it all. Let us confess our sins together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to your hopes for us. We puff out our chests over what good people we are, yet do not notice how our pride trips those who seek to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us: astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior
(moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Of all the astounding works of God, this may be the most wonderful: God is gracious and merciful to us!

What has this to do with us? Everything! What is this? Good news of the very best kind! We are forgiven. We give thanks to our God with all our hearts. Amen.

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

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his

works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Choir Anthem: Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

by Fred Pratt Green

Second Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon: "**Authentic Authority**"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith** (see insert)

Hymn of Meditation # 177 *I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

arr. by Stan Pethel

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

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

Now, we know how easily we could treat our abundant resources as idols, Holy God, so we will treat them as they truly are, marvelous gifts meant to be shared so others might know of your marvelous presence in their lives. Bless what we offer to you, and use it in service to others, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude: Spacious Firmament**

arr. by Ron Loree



Announcements

We are collecting groceries for people and pets and our Five Cents a Meal Offering this morning. If you have forgotten your groceries, you can donate by a check to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for Volunteer Avery.

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

We are beginning a new Sunday School study. Experiencing the Heart of Jesus: Knowing His Heart, Feeling His Love. is "designed to be a 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.

Our Wednesday Bible Study Group which meets from 3-4:30 p.m. will be studying scriptures that prepare us for the Season of Lent which begins on February 14. Please join us for this special time of preparation

The Session will meet February 4, following Coffee Fellowship.

There will be a congregational meeting before worship on February 4, to elect a Ruling Elder to the session. During worship, we will ordain and install our new elder.

If you would like to fix a meal for Pat and Archie McMannen, please contact the church office at 828-733-1939.

Dear Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Thank you for your contribution to Volunteer Avery County. Your donation and the many others who contribute to Volunteer Avery enable us to improve the lives of our Avery County people in need. Rest assure these funds will be used to purchase food, for the people of Avery County where each need is treated with respect and confidentially. Again, thank you so very much, Sincerely, Cindy Lindecamp

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: 31

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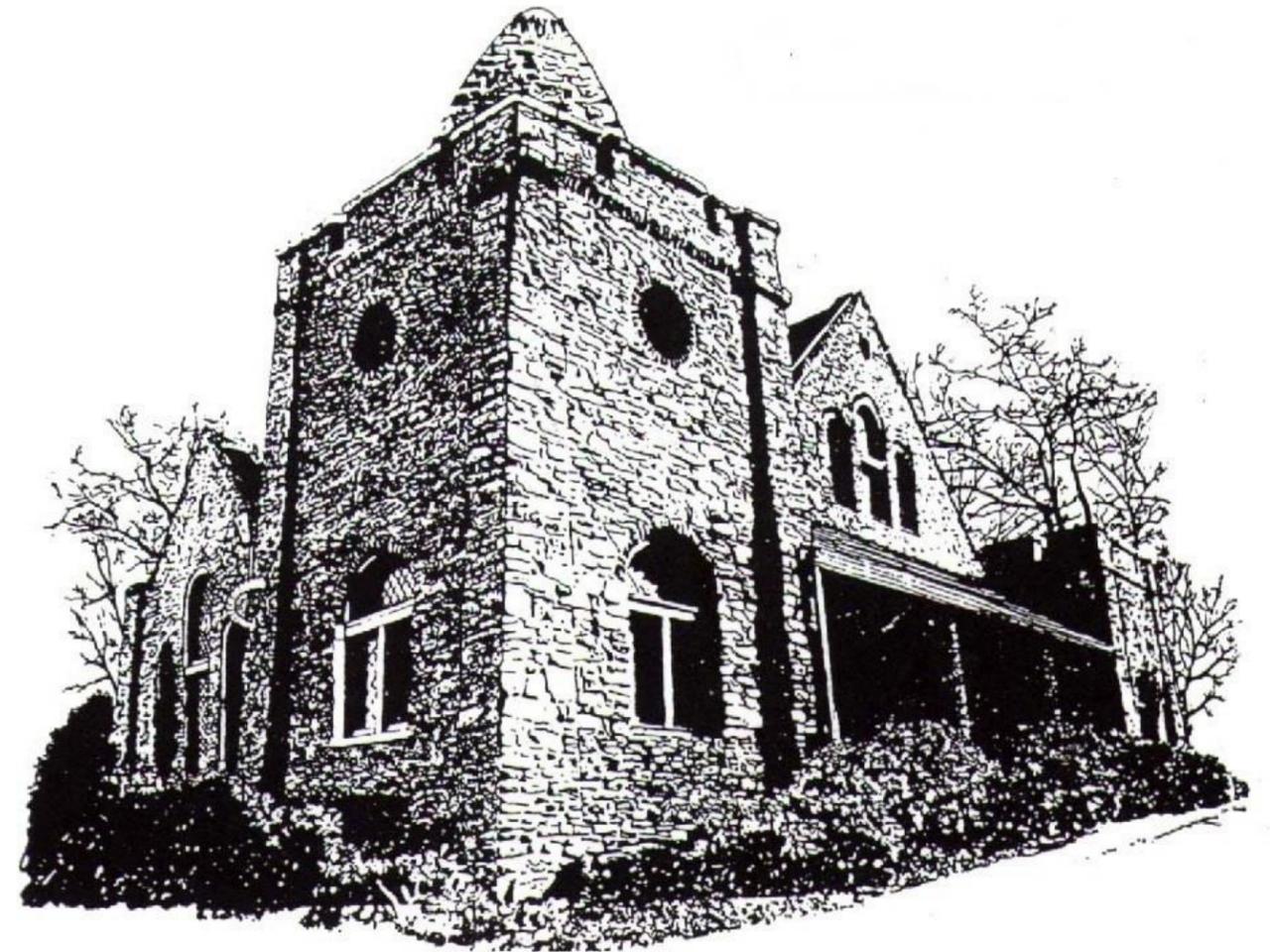
Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

****Carroll has been placed on the heart transplant list. He and Linda are very hopeful.** Please keep both of them in your prayers. Carroll's address at the hospital is Duke University Hospital, Carroll Berkley, Room 7704, 2301 Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710. ****Rachel Deal is recovering from the norovirus.** Her address is P.O. Box 8, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Shirley Price is recovering from double pneumonia.** Her address is P.O. Box 275, Linville, NC 28646. ****Peggy Hardy-Hufnagel passed away peacefully on Monday, January 15, at 93 years old.** She was a dear member and friend of our congregation. Cards may be sent to her three children: Lou Ellen Hardy, 5109 SW 70th Ave, Davie, FL 33314-4904; Frank Hardy, 327 Windsong Dr., Lafayette, GA 30728; and Burt Hardy, 3074 Grandiflora Dr., Greenacres, FL 33467. ****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

Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512, email: rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com. 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.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 28, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.