

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

arr, by Carol Tornquist

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You, Lord*

I LOVE YOU , LORD

***Call to Worship:**

God is with his people. He dwells in their midst. Listen and hear him speak.

Our hearts long for his word.

We wait upon the Lord so that we may renew our strength.

God is our help and our support. His spirit moves among us to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

With joyful hearts we sing God's praise. With rejoicing we call upon Him.

The Lord is our hope and our salvation.

Hymn of Praise # 3 (Songs of Worship) *Wonderful, Merciful Savior

words & music by Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

Call to Confession:

We walk through life, confident, strong, boasting of all our achievements. But God sees the hurts we have inflicted on others, the weariness in our bones from chasing after bad choices, and all the foolishness we trip over in the busyness of life. Let us come to God, for the One who listens to our faltering words is the One who gives us the Word filled with grace and mercy. Let us together share in confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, we come to you knowing that we are broken but reluctant to be made whole. We confess that we often fear your healing touch and what it might mean to be made well. We are comfortable in our brokenness because it is familiar. We are afraid that we would owe you too much if we allowed you to make us new. Yet that is what we long for, deep in our souls, for you to make our lives whole again. Heal our hearts, forgive our failings and mend our hurts. Reach out to us, O Lord, so that we might have the courage to reach back... (moment of silent confession). In Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Have you not been listening? God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service.

If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

Ordination and Installation of our newly elected Ruling Elder, Class of 2020

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the

earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Choir Anthem: O God, Beyond All Praising

by Michael Perry

Second Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon: "A Life in Balance"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Wounded for Me*

Have Thine Own Way

Doxology # 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

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

You lift us to our feet, so we can walk with you, Loving God, and you fill us with your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use them in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the despairing. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 530 *One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Communion Music: *He Leadeth Me*

arr. by Donald F. Marsh

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 839 *Blessed Assurance, Assurance is Mine

Assurance

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Jesus, I Come

arr. by Donald F. Marsh

Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Fred France

Announcements

We will celebrate January and February birthdays with a birthday cake during Coffee Fellowship following today's worship.

The Session will meet following Coffee Fellowship.

Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday, the day many Christians mark as the first day of Lent, the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. As ashes are imposed the pastor reminds each Christian of Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you shall return." Pastor Kathy will offer the imposition of ashes at the beginning of our Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.

We beginning a new Bible study for the Season of Lent this Wednesday as well. . *On the Road to the Cross* (Books-\$10) is an eight-week study allowing you to experience Easter through the eyes of everyday people who witnessed the triumphal entry, saw Jesus drag his cross to Calvary, and cried through Christ's last words. Characters studied are: Simon the Leper and the Sinful Woman, Malchus, the High Priest's Servant, The Centurion at the Cross, Cleopas, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, Mary Magdalene

Sunday School is worth getting up an hour early and enjoying learning and fellowship beginning at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The group is currently studying Experiencing the Life of Jesus. Books are \$10.00.

The Knitting Group is returning with their needles and yarn ready to create hats and scarves the homeless shelter in Boone. Whether you are a knitter or just want to learn, please join Janis Kenyon and Marion Blue on Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Drivers are greatly needed for Meals on Wheels this winter. If you are interested, please call the Senior Center at 828-733-8220.

Would you like to help a child with his/her homework after school and help to change a life? Bobbie Willard, the Director of the After-School Program in Avery County, would glad to talk with you! Phone number: 828-963-0241; Email: bobbie_willard@ncsu.edu.

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: no service due to weather

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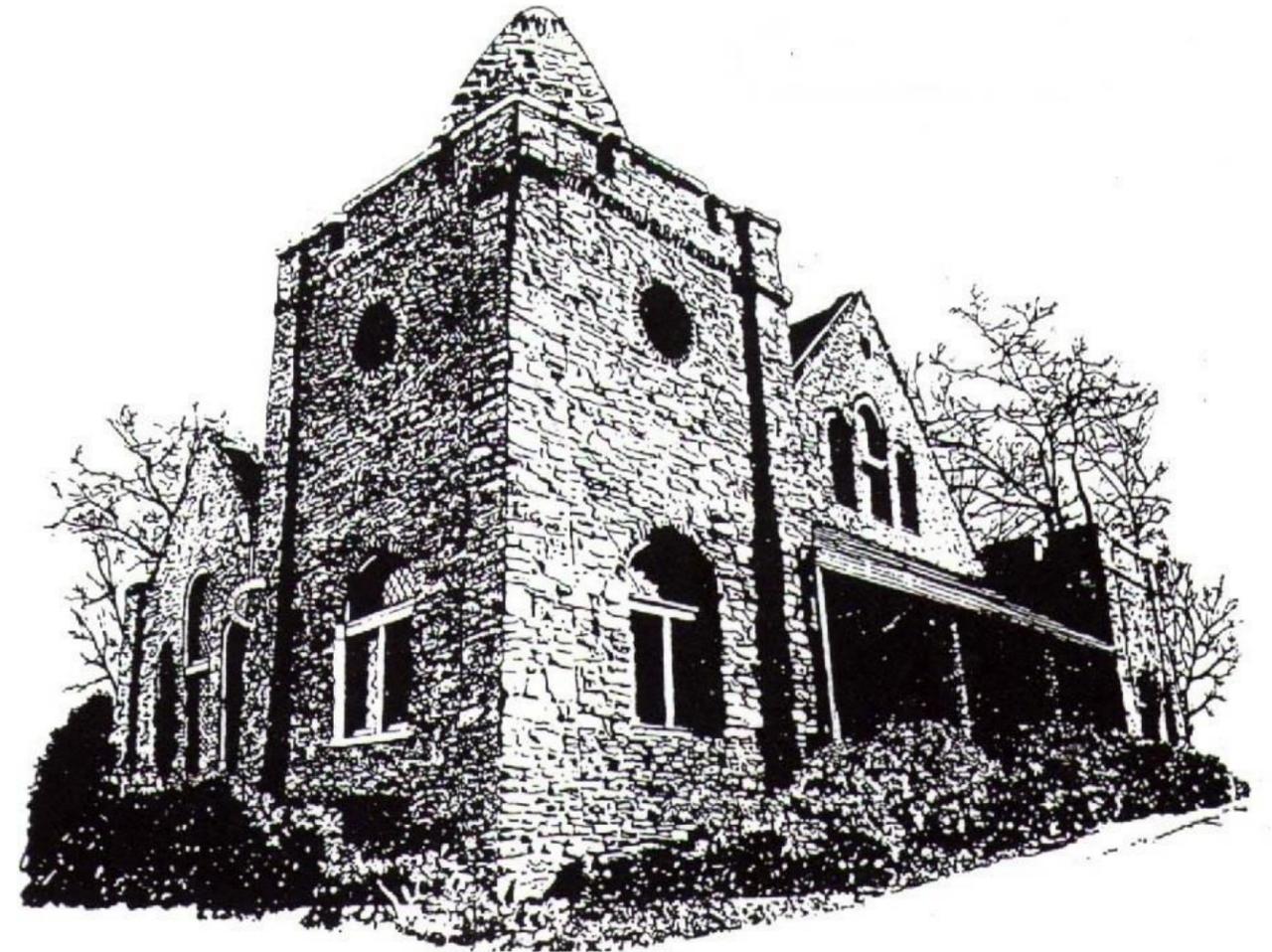
Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

****Mary Agnus Smith** is at Banner Elk Life Care and enjoys visits. She is Rachel Deal's sister. ****Benny Frazier passed away peacefully in the early morning of January 30.** The funeral was held on Saturday, February 10, at Connect Christian Church, 3101 Davidson Highway, Concord, NC 28027. Cards may be sent to John and Rose Culbreath (Benny's daughter) and Family at 663 Warren Street NE, Concord, NC 282025-3120. ****Penny McRae had a successful total replacement knee surgery on Monday, January 29.** She is at home recovering. Her address is 8209 Jefferson Colony Road, Charlotte, NC 28657. ****Carroll Berkley had successful heart transplant surgery on Monday, February 5. He is awake and the breathing tube is out. Linda is in Durham for the duration.** They covet your prayers and would love to hear from you. Carroll's hospital address is Carroll Berkley, Room 7704, Duke University Hospital, 2301 Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710. ****Rachel Deal and Shirley Price continue to recover from pneumonia.** Rachel's address is P.O. Box 8, Crossnore, NC 28616. Shirley's address is P.O. Box 275, Linville, NC 28646. ****Genevieve Lowe, Ashlyn DeWitt's mother, passed away, peacefully, February 1. Her memorial service will be at The Spirit Place, Abernathy Laurels, Newton, NC.** Ashlyn's address is 1911 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****June Bagby will have cochlear implant surgery on February 19.** Her address is P.O. Box 256, Montezuma, NC 28653. ****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
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 11, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.