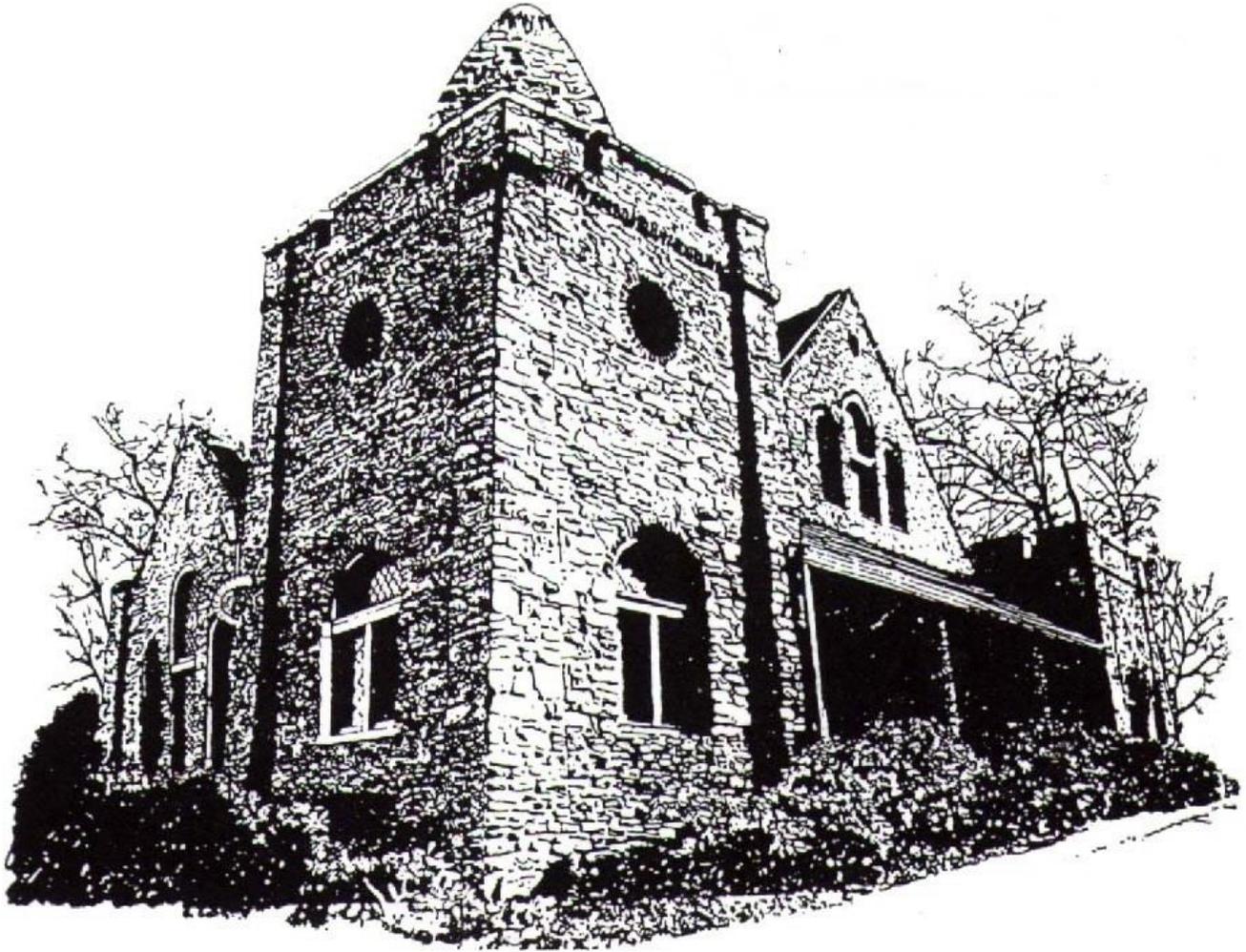


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
4th SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 11, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Reflections of "Down at the Cross"*

based on GLORY TO HIS NAME by John H. Stockton
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 621 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

I WILL CALL

Call to Worship:

In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

God's love endures forever!

In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

Christ's light shines in us!

When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

the Spirit fills us with glad songs and creates us for good works!

*Hymn of Praise # 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

Call to Confession:

By nature, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, always demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

Litany of Confession:

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back.

Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still, other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray away.

Remind us, God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You (moment of silent confession).

In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

There is newness in God every moment, for God's steadfast love endures forever. There is forgiveness found in God in every moment, for God's forgiveness endures forever. There is hope found in God in every moment, for our hope in God endures forever. Go and share this Good News. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 227 *Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All

of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Choir Anthem: *Grace Alone*

words & music by Scott Wesley Drown and Jeff Nelson

Second Lesson: John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon: “The Power of Grace”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Hymn of Meditation # 15 I Come to the Cross

I COME TO THE CROSS

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*

based on tune by George Allen

arr. by Donna Williams

PRAISE GOD

Doxology # 608 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

As we have been gathered in this place because of the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, so we pray that the gifts we offer in these moments might be used to reach out to those in all corners of the world who need hope, who hunger for food and justice, who yearn for peace, and who long for your graceful presence in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

based on NEAR THE CROSS by William H. Doane

arr. by Donald F. Marsh



Announcements

Our Lenten Mission Project this year is to provide Military Bible Sticks (MP3 players) for our active duty men and women. Twenty-five dollars provides an audio reading of the New Testament and selected Psalms to a service member. We have funds for 10 Bible Sticks and hope to receive donations for 25 Bible Sticks. Please consider a donation with a check made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designated for Military Bible Sticks.

Sanctuary Clean Up Day—Thursday, March 22, 1:00 p.m. Call Charlotte Davila to volunteer—828-733-9591.

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets from 3-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday. We are using On the Road to the Cross for our Season of Lent study. Please come and join us!

Please join us for Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The group is currently studying Experiencing the Life of Jesus.

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

The Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays, from 1-3:00 p.m. and helps create hats and scarves for 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.

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.

There will be a Session Meeting after worship and coffee fellowship, Sunday, March 18.

Our El Libano Mission Committee has room for more members. El Libano is our sister church in Guatemala. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Holy Week Services

Crossnore Presbyterian Services:

* **March 25 - 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service.**

* **March 29, Maundy Thursday Communion Service – 6:30 p.m.** There will be a light meal.

* **April 1 - 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service.**

Mayland Fellowship Services, 1st Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, (970 Greenwood Road Spruce Pine, NC 28777):

* **March 25 – Palm Sunday Evening – Dinner- 5:30 p.m. (minimal charge), Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m., Service – 7:00 p.m.** Rev. Michael McKee of Newland Presbyterian will be preaching.

* **March 26 – 28 – Worship Services at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments following. Monday – Rev. Billy Robinson, Presbytery Associate, Tuesday – Rev. Steve Elderbrock, Pastor, 1st Presbyterian of Burnsville, Wednesday – Rev. Joe Bennett, Hospice of Yancy County Chaplain, Gospel music.**

OUR ELDER

Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila
Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims
Class of 2020: Marion Blue, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley
Ashlyn DeWitt: Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson: Director of Music
Barbara Ross: Voluntary Church Administrator
Attendance Last Sunday: 40

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Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

****Pepe Abrusci's godson, Jessie Downing, is struggling with heart issues.** Pepe's address is 195 Jayne, Rd., Apt 30, Newland, NC 28657. ****Carroll Berkley continues his slow recovery from his heart transplant. He is still at Duke Hospital.** Keep the prayers and cards coming. His **new hospital address** is Carroll Berkley, Duke Regional Hospital, 3643 N. Roxboro St., Room 7316, Durham, NC 27704. ****Melanie Dunn's father passed away peacefully.** Please keep Melanie, Robert and the family in your prayers in their time of grief and gratitude. Their address is 114 S. Sterling St., Morganton, NC 28655. ****Charlie Sims had total right knee replacement and is recovering at home in Florida.** His address is 2796 Highland View Circle, Clermont, FL 34711. ****June Bagby's cochlear implant was successful.** The implant will be activated soon! June's address is P.O. Box 256, Montezuma, NC 28653. ****Susan Hartley** continues to recover from pneumonia. Her address is P.O. Box 35, Crossnore, NC 28616-0035. ****Mary Agnes Smith** is at Banner Elk Life Care and enjoys visits. She is Rachel Deal's sister. ****Lorraine Alls** is struggling with leg and back issues. She would appreciate your prayers. Her address: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657.