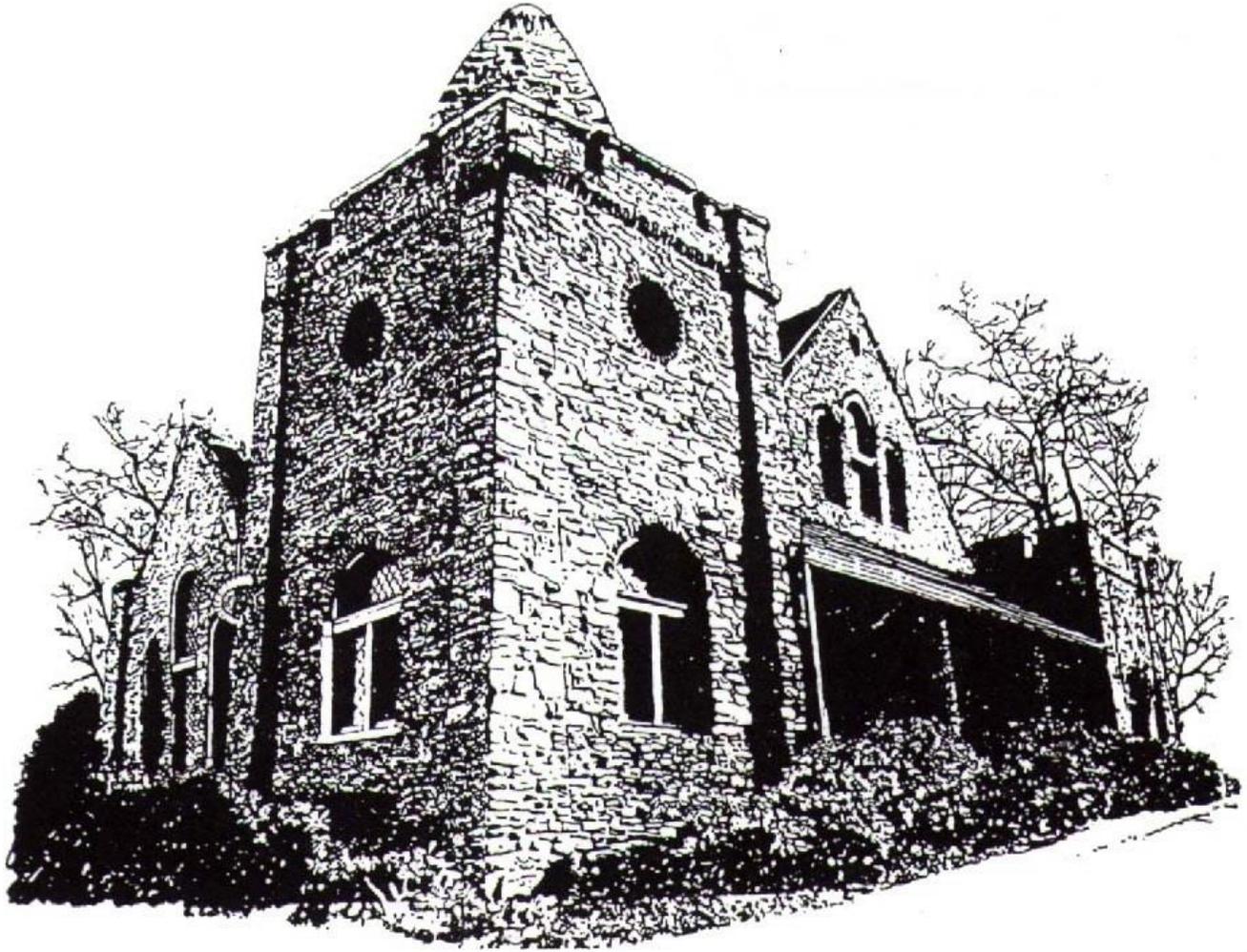


# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 18, 2018  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

# THE GATHERING

**Prelude: *There Is Power in the Blood***

based on the tune by Lewis B. Jones  
arr. by Bill Wolaver

**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:**

**Clarence Kenyon**

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

**Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.**

We are children of the living God.

**Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 826 *Lift High the Cross***

CRUCIFER

**Call to Confession:**

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying: "I will write my law on your hearts; I will forgive your wrongdoing and remember your sins no more." Sisters and Brothers, let us come in humility and confidence as we confess our sins before God.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Covenant-making God, you use every possible means to reach us, breathing your Spirit in us, calling us by name, showing us symbols of your promise, offering us a new way of life.**

**And yet, we choose certainty over faith, anxiety over courage, independence over compassion. We turn our eyes from stories of despair, from pleas for peace, and from anything that might bring tears to our eyes, because we are afraid of what may be required of us. We get caught up in our own needs and desires and forget you have made us to be your people, together.**

**Engrave your word on our hard hearts again, O God. Then break them open for what breaks yours, that your word might sink in and become a part of us, so we might truly live as your people (moment of silent confession). We pray in the name of the One whose love breaks all bounds, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

God understands how we struggle to stay open and compassionate. God does not want us to focus on our inadequacies, but on God's gift of grace and love which transforms our hearts and minds. That gift is given to us again, here and now. We are forgiven.

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

REMEMBER ME

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**First Lesson: Psalm 51:1-12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away

from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Choir Anthem: *Lamb of Glory***

words & music by Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh  
arr. by Eugene Thomas

**Second Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Sermon: “The Language of the Heart”**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed (page 35)**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

CHEREPONI

**Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

based on tune by Frederick C. Maker  
arr. by Lari Goss  
PRAISE GOD

**\*Doxology # 608 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

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

**As you write upon our hearts, soften them with your compassion. As you soften them, open us to the needs of those close to us, as well as those in every corner of your world. As you open us to the hurts and heartaches of your children, give us the grace to be as generous with our gifts as you are in blessing us. Take these gifts and use them to share peace, love, grace, and joy with all of your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## ***THE SENDING***

**\*Closing Hymn # 450 Be Thou My Vision**

SLANE

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *He Lifted Me***

based on tune by William H. Doane  
arr. by Ron Loree



## Announcements

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship to vote on Pastor Kathy's Terms of Call for 2018.

There will be a Session Meeting after worship and coffee fellowship.

**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 18 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—This 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 be glad to talk with you! Phone number: 828-963-0241; Email: bobbie\_willard@ncsu.edu.

**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 – 6:30 p.m. 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, Spruce Pine 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, 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., Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.** Preacher, Rev. Michael McKee of Newland Presbyterian.

**\*\*\*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 Yancey County Chaplain.

#### 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: 36

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### Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

**\*\*Pepe Abruci'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 recovery from his heart transplant. He is now at the Duke Physical Rehabilitation Center and may be discharged March 21.** He and Linda will remain in Durham for the next couple of months. We will update his address as soon as we can. **\*\*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.