

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *The Holy City*

by Stephen Adams
arr. by Lani Smith

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:

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Mimi Sloop

*Hymn of Praise # 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession:

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Ever constant God, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives.

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

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

REMEMBER ME

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human

likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Choir Anthem: *Filed with Excitement*

words & music by Rubén Ruiz Avila

Second Lesson: **Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Sermon: "The Holy Pilgrimage"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* An Affirmation of Faith as we begin Holy Week (See insert)

*Hymn of Meditation # 20 (Songs of Worship) *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

HEARN

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Hallelujah, What A Savior*

words & music by Phillip P. Bliss

arr. by Cindy Berry

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

PRAISE GOD

*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

As we offer these tangible gifts of food and money, Holy One, remind us of those who could use the clothes hanging in our closets unworn, those who need the possessions we have packed away and forgotten about, those who could be healed by the grace and hope we stow away in our hearts. May we be as generous with others as you are with us, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

*Closing Hymn # 228 *Were You There*

WERE YOU THERE

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: *The Palms*

by Jean Bapiste Faure

arr. by Ron Loree

Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Mimi Sloop

Announcements

Wednesday Bible Study, 3- 4:30 p.m.- Our Lenten study is *On the Road to the Cross*.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Sanctuary Clean Up Day this past Thursday. We want to say a special thank you to Charlotte Davila for coordinating everything.

Next Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion Service. Fletcher Presbyterian Church will be joining us. Chili, salad, and dessert will be served.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 10 a.m.- Easter Brunch (bring a brunchy dish to share); 11 a.m. Easter Worship in the Sanctuary, 12 noon, Coffee Fellowship and Birthday Cake for our April Birthdays.

Our Lenten Mission Project this year is to provide Military Bible Sticks (MP3 players) for our active duty men and women. \$25 provides an audio reading of the New Testament and selected Psalms to a service member. **We have funds for 24 Bible Sticks and hope to receive donations through Easter.** Please consider a donation with a check made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designated for Military Bible Sticks.

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.

Need a book to read? Why not visit our own Church Resource Center? The Resource Center is downstairs below the sanctuary. It is at the end of the hallway to the choir and Sunday School rooms.

Bob and Linda Taylor recently visited with Bud Corneal, one of our Affiliate Members in Florida. Bud, who turned 102 this September, told them that he had recently driven to visit his sister who is 104 years old. What is your secret, Bud? His address is 1225 Havendale Blvd. N.W., Apt. 139, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

Holy Week Mayland Fellowship Services, 1st 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: 32

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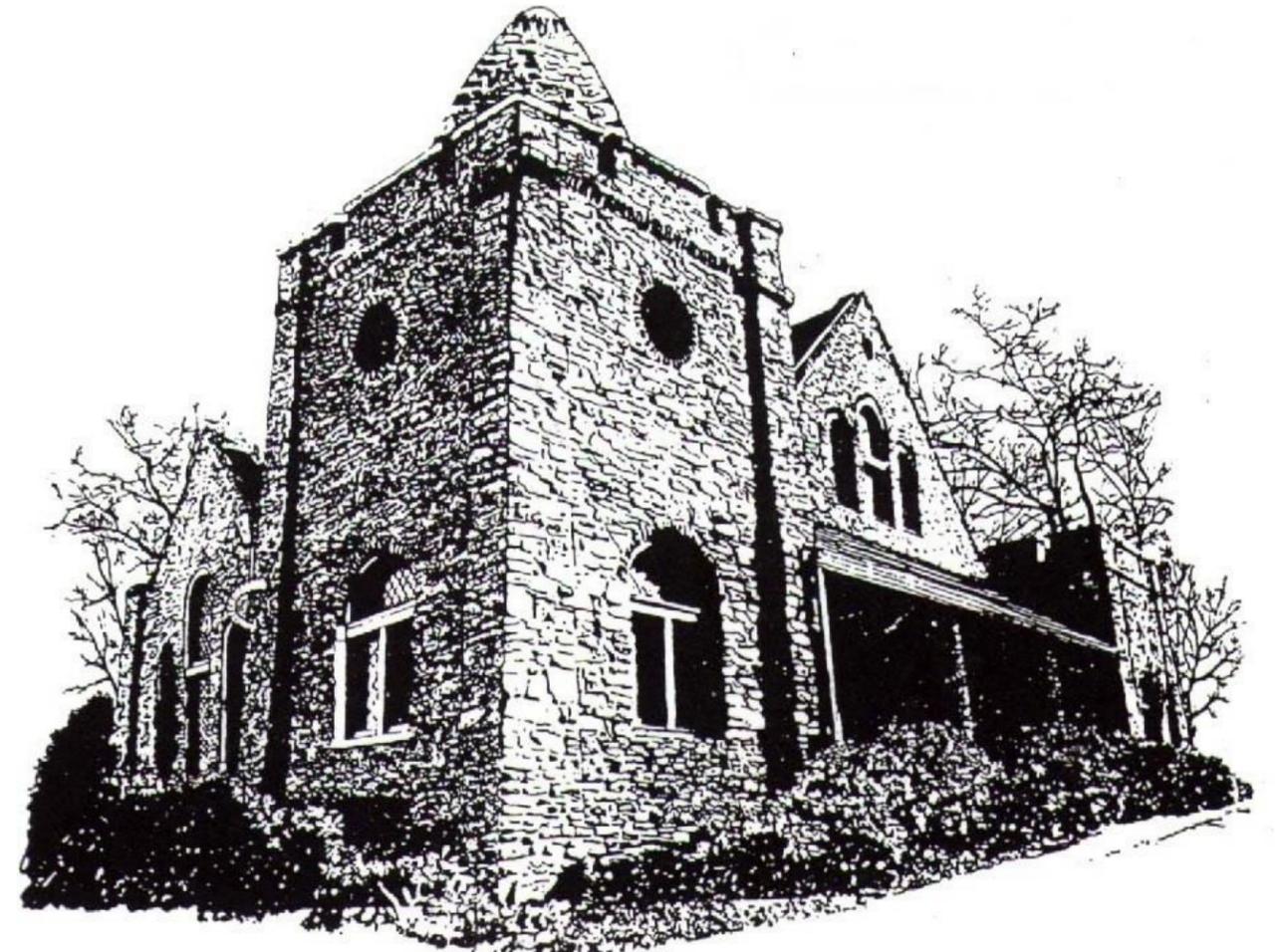
Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

****Carroll Berkley was released from the hospital on Wed!** He and Linda will stay in Durham for the next month or two. Carroll wanted to tell the church family how much our love and support have meant to him and Linda and they are looking forward to returning home this summer. Their new mailing address is Carroll and Linda Berkley, 3481 Hope Valley Road, Durham, NC 27707. ****Bill and June Bagby's daughter, Robin Bagby, had a successful surgery on Monday.** Her address is 2103 Pelham Dr., Roanoke, VA 24018. ****Charlie Sims had a 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 on March 27. Her 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** would appreciate your prayers and cards. 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
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.