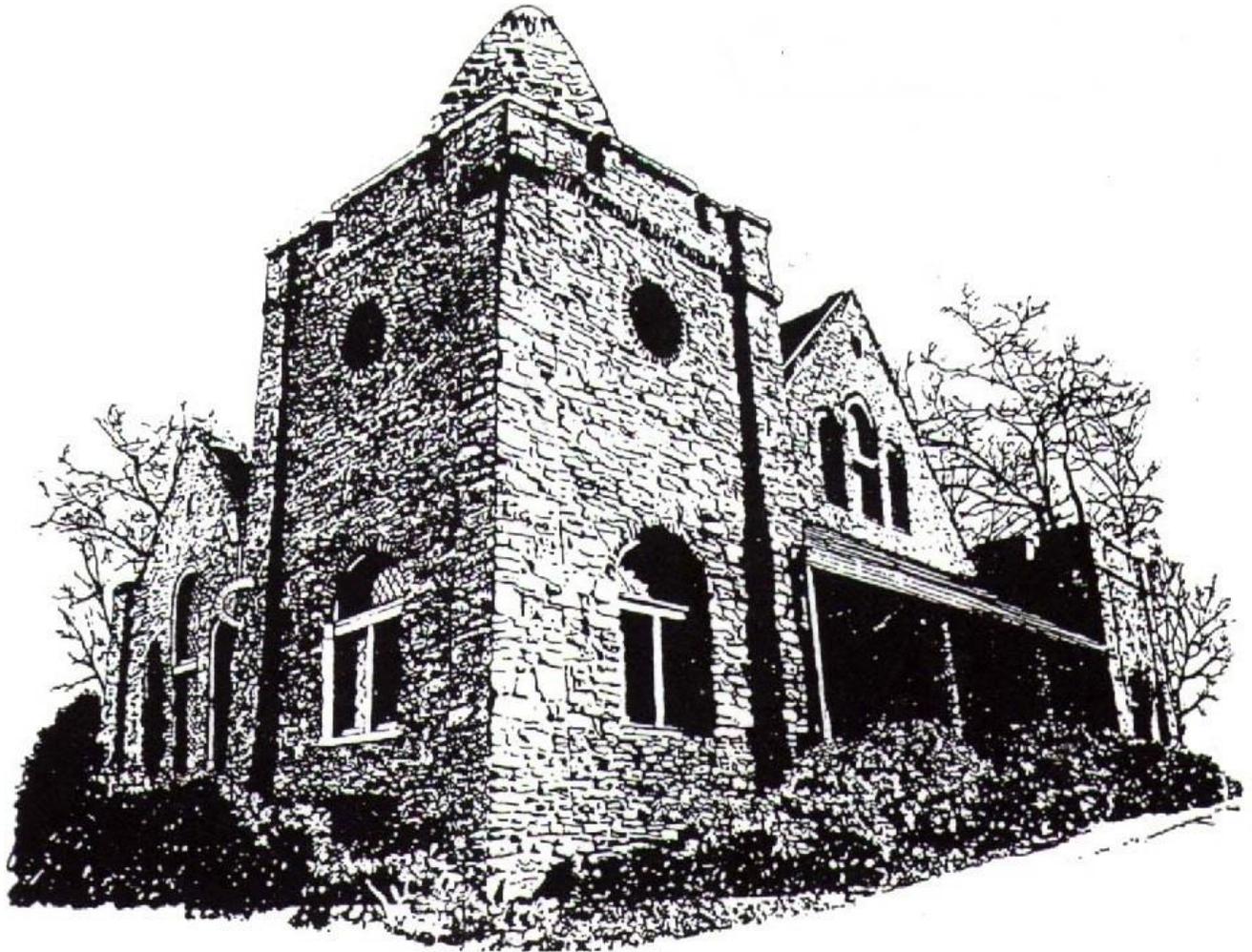


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
2nd SUNDAY of EASTER, APRIL 8, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

based on music by Arthur Seymour Sullivan
arr. by Cindy Berry

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

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 243 *Be Not Afraid*

BE NOT AFRAID

Call to Worship:

Charlotte Davila

Christ is risen!

Now what?

The disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

Would the authorities come to take them, too?

Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

What next?

Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, and a last word:

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Christ is risen! Now what?

Now we come together to wait for him.

May the Risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

*Hymn of Praise # 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

Call to Confession:

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Sometimes we hide ourselves behind closed doors...

afraid to love...afraid to share...afraid to be vulnerable.

Sometimes we hide ourselves behind locked minds...

unwilling to love...unwilling to share...unwilling to be vulnerable.

But you always invite us to step outside...to trust...

and to embrace your new life.

Forgive our faintheartedness...release us from our reluctance...

and inspire us to go and be and tell and do your Good News.

(moment of silent confession). Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the good news we have to declare: Christ cannot be closed or locked out by our fear or reluctance. Let us walk into the Light of Easter.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 468 *In My Life*

LORD BE GLORIFIED

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: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

word & music by Robert Cull
arr. by David Allen

Second Lesson: John 20:19-32

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: "Easter People"

Roger Wise, CLP

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation # 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

by George F. Handel
arr. & abridged from "Messiah" by Lani Smith

Doxology # 609 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

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

As we offer our gifts to you, Loving God, remove any doubts about how they might be used, as you offer food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, joy to the grieving, and peace to the broken. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 246 *Christ is Alive

TRURO

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *The Church's One Foundation

based on AURELIA by Samuel Sebastian Wesley
arr. by Donald F. Marsh

Serving us today –Guest Preacher: Roger Wise, CLP; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Charlotte Davila;
Ushers: Doug & Mary Noble

Announcements

Please welcome our guest preacher, Roger Wise, CLP, Fletcher Presbyterian Church.

Today, April 8, 2018, from 5 p.m. through sunset, the Paul family, Kathy Campbell and many friends will enjoy food and fellowship together and a sunset shoreline Service of Remembrance for Bill Paul. As the sun is setting, please take time for personal reflection and prayer as his family releases his ashes into the Gulf of Mexico.

Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m., we will have a Kitchen Clean-up. Please plan on helping! We need you.

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

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.— We continue our study: *On the Road to the Cross*.

There will be a Centennial Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13.

We will be collecting Hygiene Products through the end of April for our monthly donation of Food for People and Pets. The Mission Committee discovered that Volunteer Avery and Reaching Avery Ministry are in desperate need of hygiene supplies for needy families and individuals. These are items they cannot purchase with food stamps. So, start hitting the sales and bring a bag of hygiene products for all ages by the last Sunday in April to worship or drop it by the church office. Thanks for helping! The list of needs is as follows: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, lotion, hand sanitizer, bar soap, plastic container for soap.

We begin our Monthly Potluck Luncheons this month on Sunday, April 22, after worship. We will be honoring Tommie Tennant for all her hard work as an elder many times over. BBQ will be provided as well as lemonade, coffee, iced tea, and water.

On Tuesday, April 24, there will be a meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC.

There will be a Session Meeting on Sunday, April 29, following Worship.

Our Lenten Mission Project this year was to provide Military BibleSticks (MP3 players). We have raised funds for 30 BibleSticks. Each service member who requests a BibleStick from their Chaplain can also request a BibleStick for their spouse and Audio Kidz Bibles for their children. *Faith Comes By Hearing* is also matching our donation so our 30 BibleSticks become 60. Thanks to all of you who made this possible through your donations.

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

Remember to mark your calendars for our Centennial Celebration Weekend, July 14 and 15. More information

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: 83

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Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

****Carolyn Ross Copeland, sister of Ross Ross, passed away on February 28, 2018, in Leesburg. Ross and Jan Ross's address is Mr. A.C. and Mrs. Jan Ross, 2126 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **Carroll and Linda Berkley will stay in Durham for the next month or two, as he continues to recover. Please pray for full function of his kidneys and increasing endurance. 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. **June Bagby's cochlear implant has been activated. She is learning to hear. Her address is P.O. Box 256, Montezuma, NC 28653. **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. **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**

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