

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

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

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: #3 (in Songs of Worship) *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Call to Worship

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

Hymn of Praise # 35 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession:

Our Lord Jesus said: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. You are truly my friends if you do what I command you.” Friends, let us together make our confession.

Litany of Confession:

Most holy God, most of the time we see ourselves as nice people, who are trying to do the loving thing in a difficult world. We try not to lie, cheat, malign, abuse or injure others. We try to serve you through the church and within the community. We pray for peace and justice, and we attempt to forgive those who sin against us. By the standards of love in the wider community we have not done so badly.

Yet deep within we know how far we fall short of the love-standard set by Jesus, and we even fall beneath the level that our own ideals have set us. We feel compromised and misled by this hustling world with its glitter. We become frustrated and undermined by a negativity within ourselves which diverts us and leads us into withholding love.

Loving God, we certainly need your pardoning grace and humbly we ask for it. But also we need much more.

We seek the grace of self-honesty, and a sharper awareness of our own hearts. We need your illuminating Light, helping us to see through the humbug of society. We need to allow ourselves to become saturated with your love.

We ask for the spur of your Spirit to make us more eager for the art of true loving, and more determined to practice what we preach.

Grant us these graces we pray, for without you we are as nothing (moment of silent confession). Hear our prayer, through Christ our Savior. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Response to God’s Grace and Mercy # 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

*based on AZMON
by Carl G. Glassr : arr. by Todd Kendall*

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Choir Anthem: *Sing to the Lord a New Song*

*words and music by John Wyatt Burson
(adapted from Psalm 98)*

Second Lesson: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon: “I Have Called You My Friends”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed (page 35, Glory to God)

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory : *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

based on ASSURANCE by Phoebe Knapp
arr. by Ron Loree

Doxology # 608 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all peoples here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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

Take our gifts, Loving God, and weave a song of healing for the broken, of nourishment for the hungry, of hope for those who despair, and peace for those torn by violence. We offer our treasures, as well as our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Communion Hymn: # 530 *One Bread, One Body*

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Communion Music

Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet

arr.by Glenn Crosthwait

Here at Your Table, Lord

arr. by Lani Smith

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *May God Inspire

by Henry Purcell
arr. by Lani Smith

Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Jan Ross;

Announcement

Joe Jordan will be going to the National Wrestling Tournament in Washington, along with 3 other boys from Avery County. Thanks to those of you who supported these boys at Thursday's Spaghetti Dinner. If you were not able to attend but would like to help Joe get to the National, the Jordans address is: P.O. Box 523, Pineola, NC 28662-0523.

The beautiful big ferns out front were donated by Rachel Deal, in memory of her husband, Ken Deal.

We are collecting Hygiene Products as our monthly donation for food for people and pets. These products will go to Volunteer Avery to give to those in need who are not permitted to use food stamps to buy these necessities. The list of needs includes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, body lotion, hand sanitizer, bar soap, plastic container for soap. If you would like to give a check or cash toward this project, please make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for hygiene products.

The Knitting Group meets every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. They are knitting hats and scarves for the homeless shelter in Boone and school children in Avery County. You are invited whether you can knit or not. There are many folks who can get you started.

Wednesday Bible Study meets from 3-4:30 p.m. We are going to spend the next few weeks examining some of the debates of the Church both in the past and present. Who determines what is true and what is not? Join us for this interesting study as we continue to grow in our own faith and understanding.

Choir Practice is moving to Wednesdays, 5-6:15 p.m., on May 2. We will meet on Sundays to warm up at 9:40 a.m. beginning this Sunday.

Revised Date for the Crossnore Presbyterian Church Centennial—Our 100 years as a Presbyterian congregation will be celebrated on Sunday, July 22, 2018. We will have old time gospel music for the 11 a.m. service. At 3 p.m., there will be a Centennial Celebration Service followed by Dinner on the Grounds. Please mark this date.

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

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: 48

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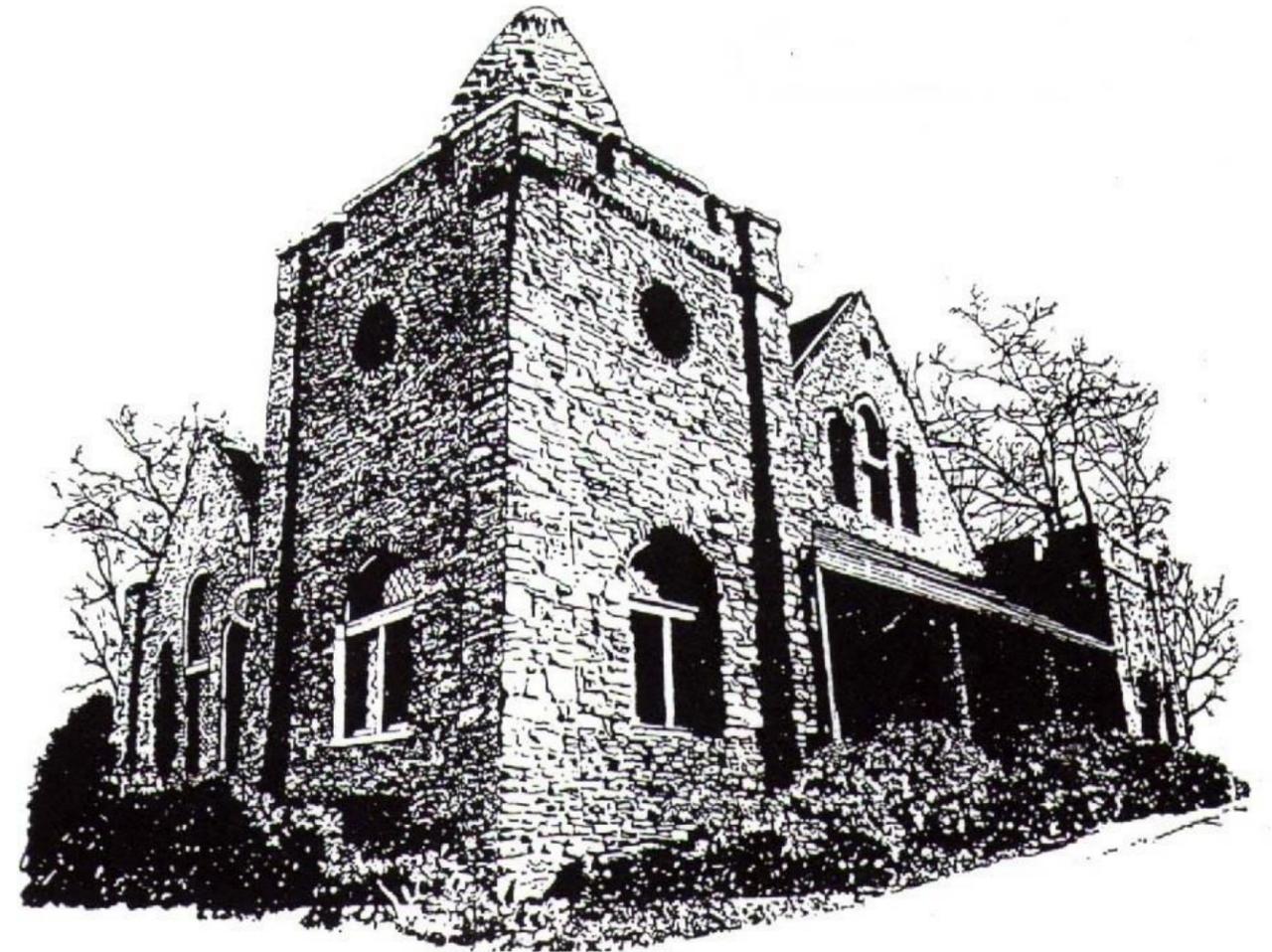
Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

**** Harry Heilig** is struggling with health issues. His address is: 1244 Arbor Road, Apt 189, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. ****Ann Blazer** is struggling with major health issues. Her address is: 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. ****Ashlyn DeWitt** had surgery on her broken wrist and is home recovering. **Jason DeWitt** who had surgery to repair a dislocated thumb is doing well. Their mailing address is: 1911 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Sharon Lawing's sister-in-law, Bonnie**, passed away April 26th, Sharon and the family were by her side. Sharon and Kevin Lawing's address is: 1701 Cross Point Rd., Matthews, NC 28105 ****Carroll and Linda Berkley (and Cooper) are returning to the mountains soon and are doing well.** Their home address is: 241 A Silver Springs Drive, Banner Elk, NC 28604. ****Lorraine Alls appreciates your prayers and your cards.** Her address is: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. ****Mary Agnes Smith, Rachel Deal's sister**, is at Banner Elk Life Care and enjoys visits.

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
7th SUNDAY of EASTER, MAY 13, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.