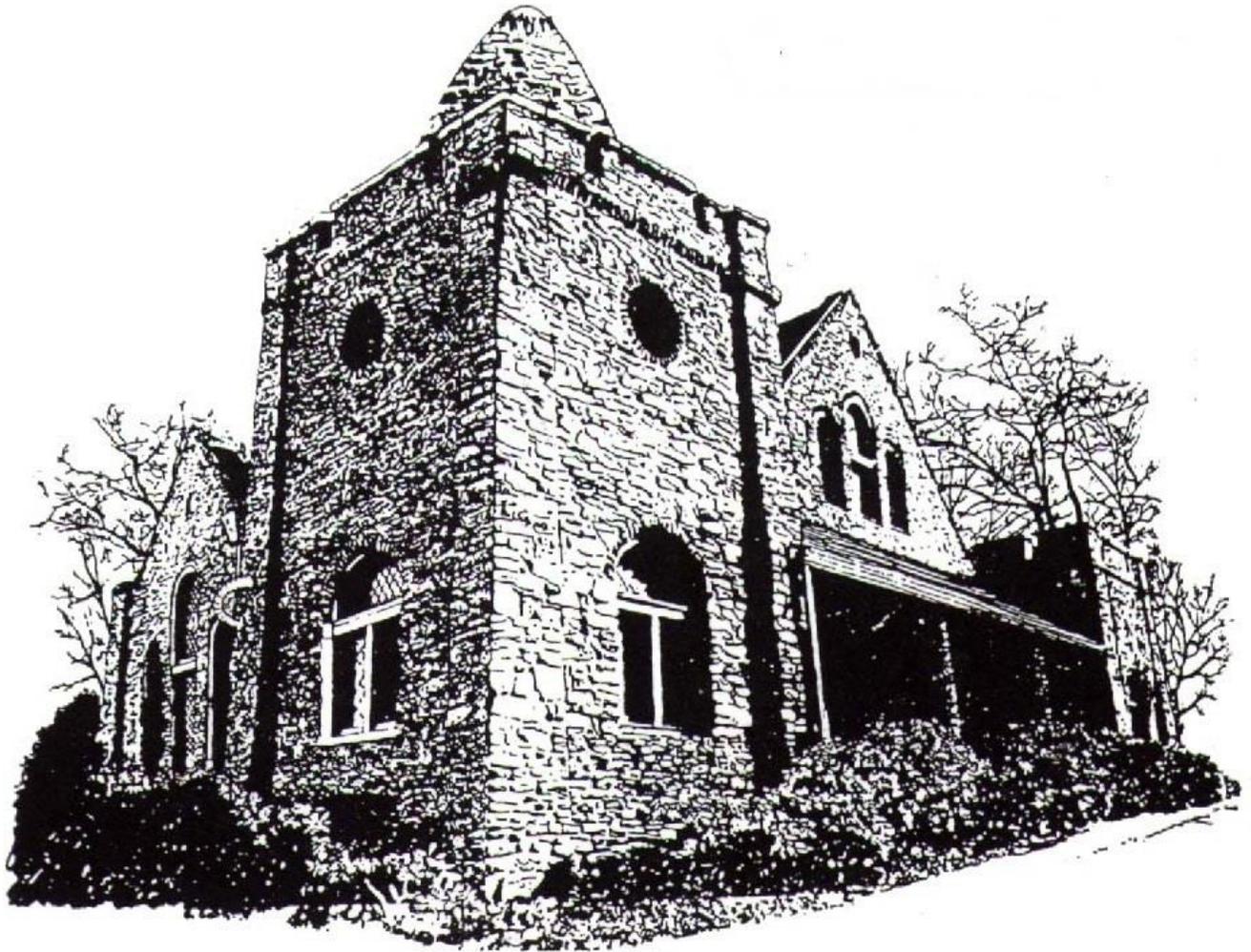


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
DAY OF PENTECOST, MAY 20, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

based on MORECAMBE by Frederick C. Atkinson
arr.by Lloyd Larson

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 (Songs of Worship) *Wonderful Merciful Savior*

words & music by
Dawn Rodgers & EricWyse

Call to Worship:

Charlie Stuart

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

*Hymn of Praise # 401 *Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession:

We say we want change, but prefer the comfort of what we have; we long for new life, yet turn our backs on those around us. We could open our arms to others, but close them tight around our fears. Let us confess our lives to our God, as we hope for the Holy Spirit to come and dance among us. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we turn them in accusations towards those around us.

In your mercy, forgive us, God of Amazing Grace. May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us. May your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit; in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit; in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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

CHILDREN PRAYING

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Choir Anthem: *Invitation*

words & music by Mary Kay Beall

Second Lesson: John 20:19-23

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."

Sermon: "Holy Breath"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Hymn of Meditation # 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Open My Eyes that I May See*

based on SCOTT
by Clara Scott
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
PRAISE GOD

Doxology # 608 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Holy Spirit, come upon us this day. We feel your joy and delight as we celebrate this glorious day. With a sense of happiness and gratitude, we eagerly offer you these financial gifts along with our lives for your ministry in this community and beyond. May all who call upon your name be saved from selfishness and filled with God-honoring habits of generous giving. All praise and glory be unto you. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Allegro Bivace

by G. F. Handel
from "Water Music" Suite
arr. by Lani Smith

Announcements

Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. They are knitting hats and scarves for the homeless shelter and for the school children. New knitters and beginning knitters are welcome.

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. We are spending the next two weeks on the divinity and the humanity of Jesus and the debates of the church past and present. Come and learn and share as we grow in our faith and understanding.

Choir meets to practice on Wednesdays, 5-6:15 p.m. New choir members are invited to come and join in the fun and fellowship!

Doug and Mary Noble will be graduating from the Church Leadership School on Saturday, May 26, 12 noon, at First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. CLS is a two-year intensive study program that prepares students for stronger lay leadership in the church. If you would like to know more about the CLS Program, please contact Barbara Ross, rossbw335@gmail.com.

Our May Potluck Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 27. This is also the Sunday for our Food for People and Pets and 5 Cents of Meal collection.

Crossnore Presbyterian Centennial Celebration on Sunday, July 22, 2018: 11 a.m., Morning Worship Service with Traditional Mountain Music; 3 p.m., Centennial Celebration Worship Service; 4:30 p.m., Dinner on the Grounds.

Thanks to all who contributed to our Hygiene Products Drive. We donated over 500 items to Volunteer Avery for those in need! Thanks for caring and sharing!

After a year of renovations, Pastor Kathy and Karl have officially moved into their new home in Land Harbor. Kathy's cell phone number is 828-260-2512. They do not have a land line. Their new mailing address is 3305 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657.

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: 50

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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 being moved out of ICU to a regular room as she recovers from her surgery last week.** She will begin chemo after she has some of her strength back. Ann and Bill Blazer's address is: 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. **** Marion Blue is waiting to have her heart catherization which will determine if she will need surgery.** Her address is: 1057 Walt Clark Road, Newland, NC 28657. ****Jason and Ashlyn DeWitt are both back in the saddle and healing well after both had surgeries on their right thumb (Jason) and right wrist (Ashlyn).** 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 home!** Their home address is: 241 A Silver Springs Drive, Banner Elk, NC 28604. **** Bill Bagby called to say his son, John** had successful surgery to put in a pace maker and is at home recovering. **** June Bagby is doing much better and her leg is beginning to heal.** June and Bill Bagby's address is: P.O. Box 256, Montezuma, NC 28653. **** **Rick Crawford's father, William Henry Crawford, passed away in April at 92 1/2,** after a brief illness following a major stroke. Rick and Susan are still in Memphis. Their address is: 3825 Adina Drive, Bartlett, Tenn. 38135. ****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.