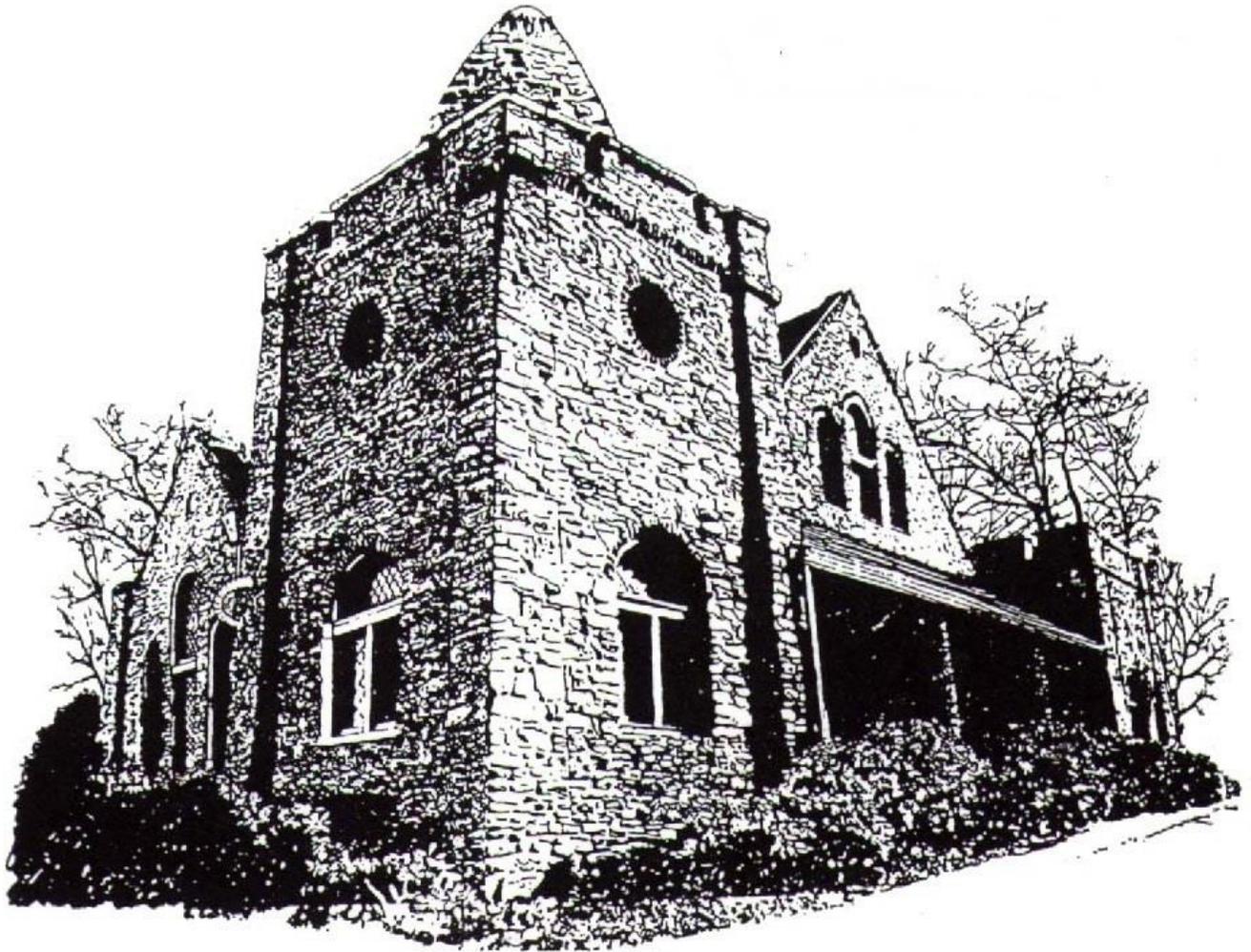


# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

# THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Glorify Thy Name*

by Donna Adkins  
arr. by Mark Hayes

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:**

**Jason DeWitt**

We have heard about you, God of all power. You made the world out of kindness, creating order out of confusion; You made each one of us in your own image; Your fingerprint is on every soul. So we praise you.

**We praise and worship you.**

We have heard about you, Jesus Christ: the carpenter who left his tools and trade; the poor man who made others rich; the healer who let himself be wounded; the criminal on whom the soldiers spat not knowing they were looking into the face of God; the Savior who died and rose again. So we praise you.

**We praise and worship you.**

We have heard about you, Holy Spirit. You broke the bonds of every race and nation, to let God speak in every tongue; You made disciples drunk with grace; You converted souls and emptied pockets; You showed how love makes all things new and opens the doors to change and freedom. So we praise you.

**We praise and worship you.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty***

NICEA

**Call to Confession:**

Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children. Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts. Like a father, God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

**Unison Prayer of Confession (inspired by Psalm 8):**

**Great God of all creation, who are we that you are mindful of us? You who set the stars in motion, who launched waves crashing against the shore, who knows the heights and depths of the world; why do you bother with us? You count the hairs on our heads and call us each by name. You give us your wisdom and you uphold us by your Spirit. You tend to us and care for us, and we do not understand why.**

We cannot grasp your love for us, O God, for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving. We become enmeshed by our own needs and wants and desires and we fail to see beyond anything but our own little circles.

**Turn us around, O God. Help us to see as you see, and to reach out as you reach out. Remind us once again of the sacredness of our ordinary, day-to-day lives. By your Spirit, teach us to live truly as beings a little lower than angels. In your mercy, O God, forgive who we pretend to be and bless who we are becoming (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

**No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love.**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**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: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### Choir Anthem: *As We Worship You*

words & music by Steve Littlefield

### Second Lesson: John 3:1-10

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

### Sermon: “Drenched in Mystery”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

\*Hymn of Meditation # 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

### Prayers of the People

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *To God Be the Glory*

based on tune by William H. Doane, arr. by Todd Billingsley

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

PRAISE GOD

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore*

*Praise Triune God, whom we adore.;*

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

In grace, we bind ourselves to those who have no life; in hope, we bind ourselves to those who live in despair; in peace, we bind ourselves to all damaged by violence and hate; in gratitude, we offer our gifts and bind ourselves to you, O God, in your holy work of justice, love, and wonder as you build your community in our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## THE SENDING

\*Closing Hymn # 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

LORD MAKE US MORE HOLY

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude *In Praise of the Trinity*

by Tom Birchwood

Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Jason DeWitt; Ushers: Ty & Peg Prior

## Announcements

**Please join us for our May Potluck Luncheon following worship this morning.** There is plenty of food for everyone! The main dish is smoked pork roast and mashed potatoes with delicious side dishes from our members.

**Our Wednesday Knitting Group, 1-3 p.m., is back in action!** New knitters and beginning knitters are welcome. Join in the fun and fellowship weekly—you don't know what you're missing!

**Our Wednesday Bible Study Group, 3-4:30 p.m., will be discussing "Being a Christian in a Pluralistic World."**

Please join in as we listen and share and learn together about what it means to be a disciple of Christ in our community and in our world today. We will begin a new Bible Study on June 7 using the book, *Which Way, Lord? Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul*, by Rob Fuquay. God created every person with a desire for meaning and purpose. This six-week series will us intentionally consider the big question, "What is the purpose of my life?" and unpack our life, past and present, alongside the Apostle Paul's life, to discover our purpose and passion now. Come and learn and share!

**We need YOU to come and help on Grounds Clean-up Day, this Friday, 10 a.m.- 12 noon. (Rain Date will be this Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.- 12 noon).** Spring has arrived and so have the weeds. It's time to clean-up the grounds to prepare for mulching and planting. Please bring garden tools and gloves. We do have a lawn person who will be doing the major weed eating on the steep banks.

**Our first Country Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 9, 7-10 a.m., suggested donation per person: \$8.00.** An Orientation for our Breakfast Volunteers will take place after worship next Sunday, June 3, in the fellowship hall. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Barbara Ross, or email her: [rossbw335@gmail.com](mailto:rossbw335@gmail.com)

**Session will meet next Sunday, June 3, following worship and after the coffee fellowship.**

**We need containers of caffeinated coffee for our coffee fellowship and our weekly gatherings.** If you would like to donate, just drop off your coffee on the kitchen counter. We have plenty of decaf. Thanks!

### 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: 65

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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.

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