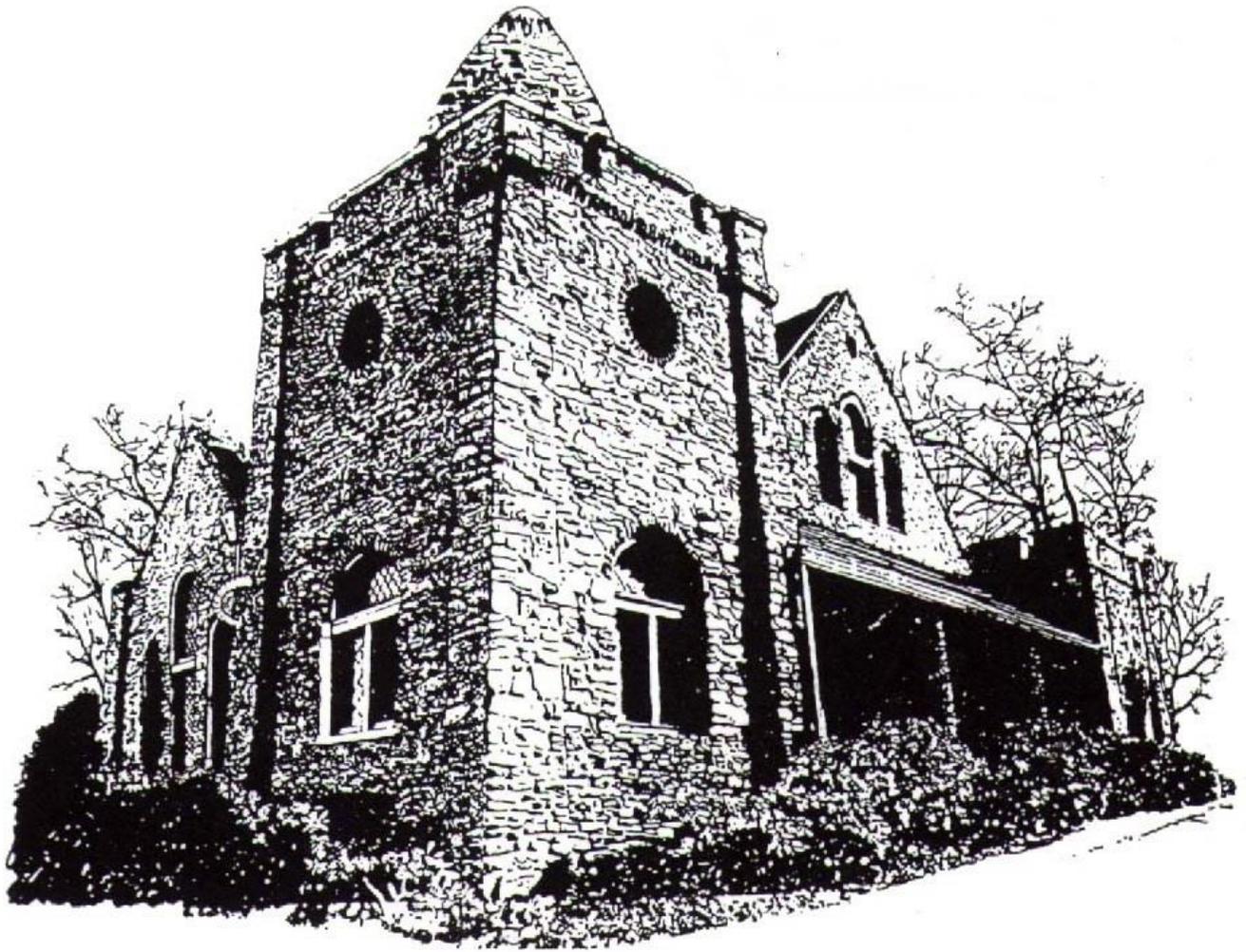


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 19, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *You Are My Hiding Place*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

arr. by Teresa Patterson Wilhelmi

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

words & music by
Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

***Call to Worship:**

Beth Gacek

God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

we are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

we are here because we trust you.

God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

we are here to praise you.

God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

we celebrate your grace.

Hymn of Praise # 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession:

When we could be revived by God's grace, we find ourselves fearing God's judgment, doubting God's joy in us, fearing God has turned away from us. Let us come to the One who heals us and calls each of us by name. Please join me as we confess our sins together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

How can we forget them, Loving God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes to we might reach out and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior (moment of silent confession). In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn polluted swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into cords of compassion; sinners into servants.

God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practice and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Choir Anthem: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Prayer of St. Francis

Second Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Sermon: “The Truth About Possessions”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

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

TRENTHAM

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Just as I Am*

arr. by Johnie Dean

Doxology # 608 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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:**

We offer not only our gifts, Compassionate God, but our time, so we might spend more moments with the lonely; our words, so the voiceless might be healed; our hands, that the hungry might be fed; our hearts, so that the rejected might find a home. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # # 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *O Worship the King

arr. by Donald F. Marsh

Announcements

We warmly welcome everyone to worship this morning. If you are visiting for the first time, we hope that you will experience God's presence in this time of worship and fellowship. Please join us for coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall after the service.

Wednesday Knitting Group, 1-3 pm. New knitters and beginning knitters are welcome. Join in the fun and fellowship weekly! The knitters are working on winter hats and scarves for needy children in the after-school program at Crossnore Elementary.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. We are studying the third chapter of the Gospel of Mark this week. Please come and join us.

Wednesday Choir Practice begins at 5 pm and finishes around 6:15 pm. If you are here full-time or part-time and you enjoy singing, you are invited to join our choir.

Dr. Karl Campbell will be speaking at our church a week from this Tuesday, August 28, at 7:00 pm, on "Our Democratic Heritage: A Historian's Perspective on Civil Discourse and Civic Responsibility". "The foundation of our democracy is not an idea but a process. Freedom can only exist if engaged citizens respectfully debate divergent opinions, entertain competing viewpoints, and accept reasonable compromises. Recent events suggest that some Americans have abandoned this democratic process. The results could be tragic. The study of history can improve the quality of our civil discourse by correcting logical fallacies ("historic sins") that confuse our perceptions and cloud our judgment. Dr. Campbell will discuss a few of these historic sins and suggest how many Americans on all sides of our current political crisis might better understand the past, present, and futures of our state and nation." Karl has shared this topic as part of his Leadership North Carolina week tour in July from Wilmington to Asheville.

"Godspell" will be presented at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church on August 21, 22 and 23 at 7:00 pm. It is directed by Janet Speer, past head of Lees-McRae College Performing Arts Department and leads the Lees-McRae Summer Theater. This is a non-ticketed event and is a gift to the community by Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. Donations will be accepted if you wish to contribute.

A Pipe Organ Recital will be held at the Church of Our Savior in Newland, NC, on Sunday, August 26, at 4:00 pm. The organist will be Dr. Joby Bell, ASU Professor of Music. There will be a reception following the program.

Volunteer Avery County's Director, Cindy Lindecamp, sent us a thank you note and shared some of the ways our support has helped the community. Our donations have gone to heating and oil, home repairs, medication, utilities, and children's needs to name a few. Our support makes a difference.

OUR ELDERS

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: 73

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Prayers Requests and Thanksgivings

Jo Anne Johnson passed away August 9 at Cannon Hospital. Jo's memorial service was held this past Friday at Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in Newland. Please keep her daughter, Tasha Reid, in your prayers. In lieu of flowers and food, please send memorial donations to the Avery County Senior Center, P.O. Box 447, Newland, NC 28657. Cards and letters may be sent to Tasha Reid at 2268 Mt Pleasant Rd, Newland, NC 28657 this week. After that time, Tasha's address will be 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. ****Anne Blazer** is doing remarkably well and will begin her chemotherapy this Tuesday. Please keep her and Bill in your prayers and keep the cards and calls coming! Their address is: 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. **** Judy Lilly** is a friend of many in our congregation and would appreciate our prayers. She can be sent cards in care of Beth and Greg Gacek at 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC. ****Marion Blue's cancer has spread. She does not need food but loves visits. Please call before you go (828-742-1046).** ****Shirley Price is fighting fibrosis of the lungs and appreciates our prayers.** Her address is P.O. Box 275, Linville, NC 28646. ****Lorraine Alls appreciates your prayers and 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. Her address is Mary Agnes Smith, Life Care at Banner Elk, P.O. Box 2199, Banner Elk, NC

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