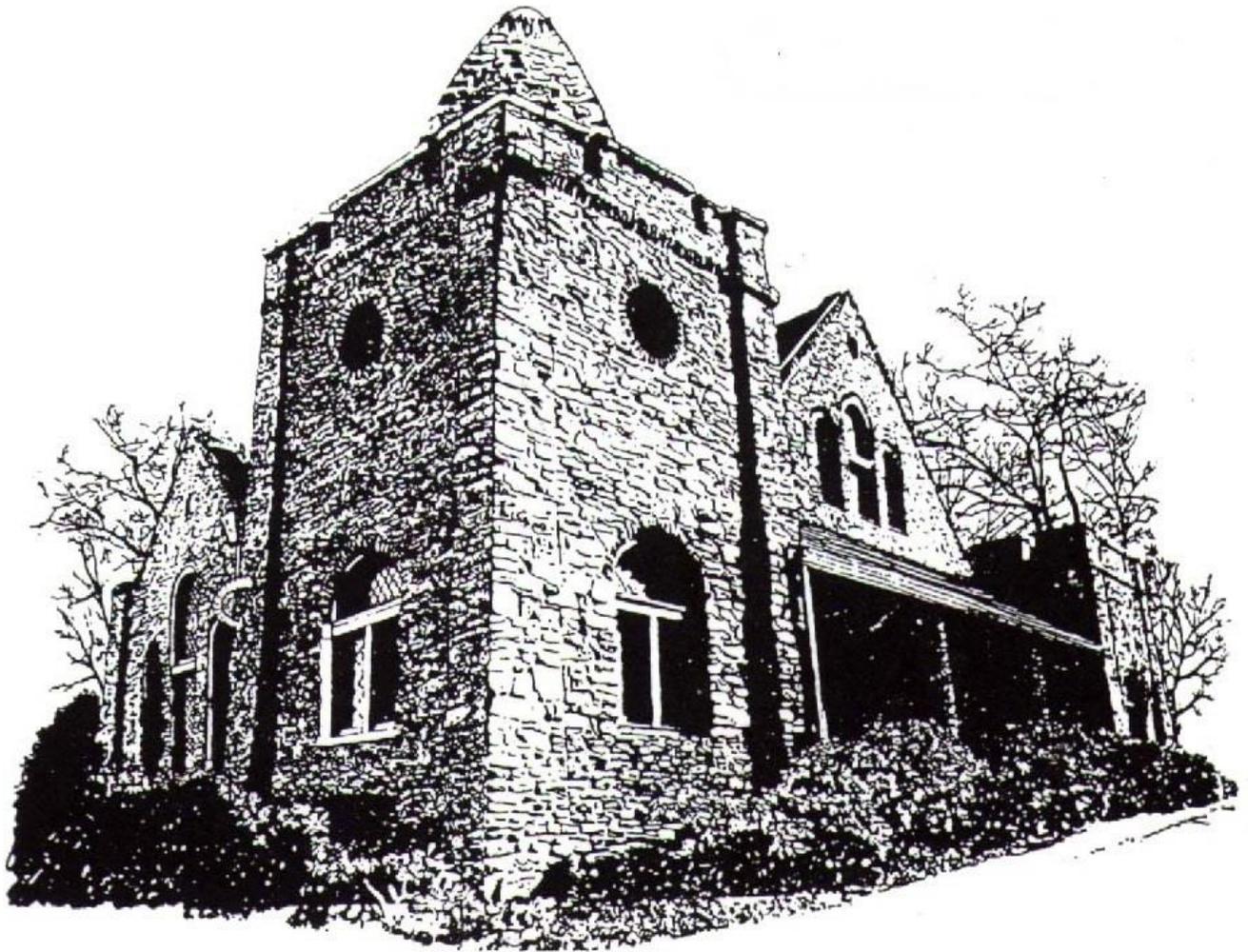


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 26, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *I Am His, and He Is Mine (Nocture)*

based on EVERLASTING LOVE by James Mountain
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 # 3 *Wonderful, Merciful Savior (Songs of Worship)*

words & music by
Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

***Call to Worship:**

Come, join us as we worship God together
For we are the body of Christ, and we need each other.
Come, fill your hearts with praise
For God has made us all different, and all of us are necessary.
Come, fill your souls with peace
For the Spirit is moving among us now.
Come, join us as we worship God together
For we are the body of Christ.

Janis Kenyon

Hymn of Praise # 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession:

If it was easy to follow Jesus, we would not need to ask for forgiveness. But it is tough - tough to say 'yes,' tough to be graceful, tough to be loving. Yet whatever we do, God loves us enough to forgive us and to feed us with the Bread of Life. Please join me as together we confess our sins before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Compassionate God, who dwells in the highest places and yet walks in midst of all human life, look upon us and all our faults and failings with tenderness and hope. Turn Your eyes towards the places that we would hope to have You remain, and begin the work of reclaiming the barren and infertile landscape of our human frame. Listen to our sorrow as we remember how we have failed in our relationships with others, the world and You. Forgive the unkind words and thoughts the unwillingness to change the pattern of our lives, even when we know the harm our actions cause the inability to create a time and space to listen for Your voice. Hear us as we seek to be restored to live Christ's story in our action (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Today, receive the Bread of Life; today, hear the words of eternal hope; today, trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon us.

Today, we are set free to serve God's people and to sing God's praises. 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: Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Choir Anthem: *Lord, Come Reign!*

words & music by Nancy Gordon
arr by Jimbo Stevens

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Sermon: "Putting on God's Armor"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Hymn of Meditation # 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

based on tune by William H. Doane
arr. by Mark Hayes

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:**

Take our gifts, Gracious God, and use them to put shoes on blistered feet, to put garments of grace around the hopeless, to touch hurting bodies with healing hands, and to share the gospel with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 767 *Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Stand Up, Stand Up

based on WEBB by George J. Webb
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.

Dr. Karl Campbell will be speaking in the Crossnore Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall this coming Tuesday, August 28, at 7:00 pm. He will speak 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 a Leadership North Carolina week tour from Wilmington to Asheville.

Wednesday Knitting Group, 1-3 pm! New knitters and beginning knitters are welcome. Join in the fun and fellowship weekly!

Wednesday Bible—We have begun a study of the Gospel of Mark. Please come and join us on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.

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.

Our next Session meeting will be held on, Sunday, September 9, after worship and coffee fellowship.

There will be a Pipe Organ Recital at the Church of Our Savior in Newland, NC, this afternoon, at 4:00 pm. The organist will be Dr. Joby Bell, ASU Professor of Music. The event is free. There will be a reception following the program.

Our next Country Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 7 –10 am. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Barbara Ross at (828) 387-6332.

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: 64

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Prayers Requests and Thanksgivings

****Jo Johnson passed away August 9 at Cannon Hospital. Jo's memorial service was held Friday, August 17. Please keep her daughter, Tasha Reid, in your prayers. Please send memorial donations to the Avery County Senior Center.** Cards and letters may be sent to Tasha Reid at 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. ****Anne Blazer** is doing remarkably well. 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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