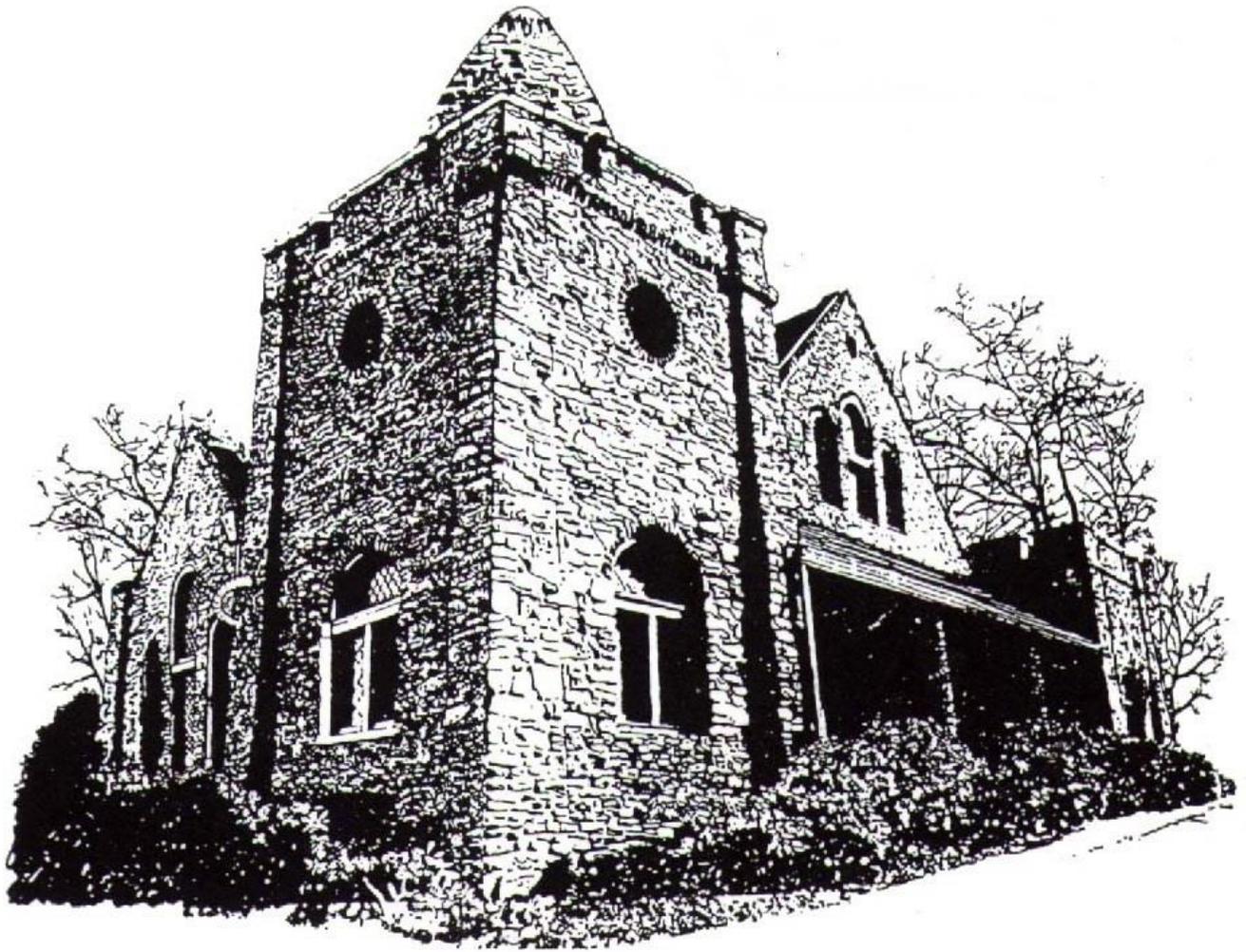


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *How Beautiful*

based on music by Twila Paris
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 # 4 *Spirit Song* (in Songs of Worship)

SPIRIT SONG

***Call to Worship:**

Bobby Taylor

Come, rejoice in what God is doing in our world!

Come, be in awe of God our creator!

God has given us hearts to love, bodies to live and breathe, souls to rejoice!

God has made us, beautiful and wonderful beings!

God has made the whole universe, and is continuing to make all things new;

God is doing something new in our lives, right now.

Come, join your hearts in worship of our magnificent Creator!

Come, rejoice in our God!

Hymn of Praise # 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

Call to Confession:

Do we honor God only with our lips, while keeping our hearts from the Holy One? Do we deceive ourselves, thinking we are religious rather than living faithful lives? Let us confess to God our sin, trusting in the One who seeks to make us whole.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Almighty One, we confess that at times we ignore You. We strive for our own ways, fulfilling our own desires, thinking that by the name of Christian we can get by, by the speaking of the right words we are saved. Our lives are too busy and there is too much going on for us, to really sink deeper into what we mean by what we say. Call us away from the temptation to make everything simple and instead, remind us of Your invitation to a deeper way of life. Draw us in to Your love, that transforms and changes us. Draw us in to a deeper love for one another, that transforms and changes the world. Lead us to a greater understanding of what it means to be saved, and to live into the fullness of Your love that is eternal (moment of silent confession). In Your name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God's love changes the world. God's love transforms us, and we are never the same. We can never go back to the person we used to be, but we can continually be transformed and renewed by God's love.

We are forgiven. We are made new. Let us go and transform the world with God's love.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: James 1:17-27 – (see the back of the bulletin)

Choir Anthem: *Come to the Cross of Jesus!*

words by Cordelia Spitzer
music by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Second Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (see the back of the bulletin)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *CANZONA*

by Felix Mendelssohn,
arr. by Lani Smith
OLD HUNDRETH

*Doxology # 606 Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God, let us be slow in our yearning to hang on to our blessings, and quick to share them with the hungry, the lonely, the forgotten, and the hurting of our world, that our gifts might become a kind of first fruits for those whose lives are so empty. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Hymn of Meditation # 530 *One Bread, One Body*

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Communion Music: *Here at Your Table, Lord*

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

by Lani Smith
based on tune by William H. Doane
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

THE SENDING

*Closing Hymn # 729 *Lord, I want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: *Immortal, Invisible*

based on ST. DENIO, a traditional Welsh tune
arr. by Donald F. Marsh



First and Second Lessons

First Lesson: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Second Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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.

There will be birthday cake in the fellowship hall after worship to celebrate our September birthdays.

Wednesday Bible, 3-4:30 p.m.—We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Wednesday Choir Practice begins at 5 pm and finishes around 6:15 pm. Please come and join us.

Our September Country Breakfast will be held this coming Saturday, September 8, 7 –10 am. Volunteers are needed; please contact Barbara Ross at (828) 387-6332.

The next Session meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9, after coffee fellowship.

Mark your calendars for the September Potluck luncheon on Sunday, September 23 after worship.

New Members Class, Sundays, September 9, 16 and 23, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall conference room. If you are interested in becoming an Active Member (full-time) or an Affiliate Member (part-time), this three-week membership class is a great way to learn about Presbyterian History, Theology, and Government. There will be time for questions and discussion. After completing the membership class, those who choose to become Active or Affiliate Members will meet with the Session on Sunday, October 7, 10 a.m. in the Pastor's Office, to be

approved for membership and then received by the congregation at the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are unable to attend the classes, please contact Pastor Kathy and she can meet with you individually. (828-260-2512).

Note: If you are an *Active Member*, Crossnore Presbyterian Church is your home congregation; if you are an *Affiliate Member*, you remain a full-time member at your home church and will be part of our church family when you are in the mountains.

The church's mission project for September will be raising funds for a scholarship for the New Opportunity School for Women at Lees-McRae. More details to come.

Many Thanks to everyone who has donated yarn to the knitting group. It is wonderful not to have to buy yarn and we haven't had to for months. Thanks so much for your donations. We are now knitting hats for school children in Avery County. If you can knit or crochet, please come and join us.

New Note Cards Available with Watercolor Designs of our Church and Centennial Quilt.

Caroline Wellman, a friend of the Harllees, is a graphic artist and found out about our centennial. She has created a series of beautiful note cards that are available on the rack in the sanctuary. Three cards and envelopes for \$6.00 and six cards and envelopes for \$10. All proceeds go to the church's general fund.

We are in need of cookies and snacks to have on hand for coffee fellowship, Bible Study, and other gatherings at the church. If you would like to contribute a package of cookies or snacks, please drop them off in the kitchen.

Did you know you can receive the bulletin and sermon weekly by regular mail or by email? If you would like to be on the list, please contact the church office.

Dr. Karl Campbell will be speaking at The Book Exchange in the Historic Banner Elk School in Banner Elk this Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 pm. His topic is "Stark Raving Mad: Contemporary Politics in Historical Perspective."

Friday, September 7, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. There will be an Empty Bowls Luncheon at Newland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. \$12.00 per person which includes soup, dessert, drink and your choice of a piece of beautiful homemade pottery. All proceeds benefit Reaching Avery Ministry's Emergency Food Pantry.

Monday, September 17, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm, Taste of the Blue Ridge 2018 – An Evening in Tuscany at Linville Falls Winery. An evening of food, fun and fundraising games benefitting Blue Ridge Partnership for Children and their book project which delivers books monthly to children under five years old. Tickets: www.blueridgechildren.org or call 828-682-0047 or 828-733-2899.

Mysticism & Mindfulness: Hildegard of Bingen – Friday September 21 from 10 am – 3 pm at the ValleCrucis Conference Center in Johnson Hall. Join Robin Garner and Mary Taylor for a look at one of History's most fascinating women. Learn about Hildegard of Bingen's music, her deep and influential spirituality and how the two are inextricably linked. \$42 for the program, lunch and concert. Call 828-963-4453 for more information and to register.

Prayers 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 and has begun her chemo treatments. 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.

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
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