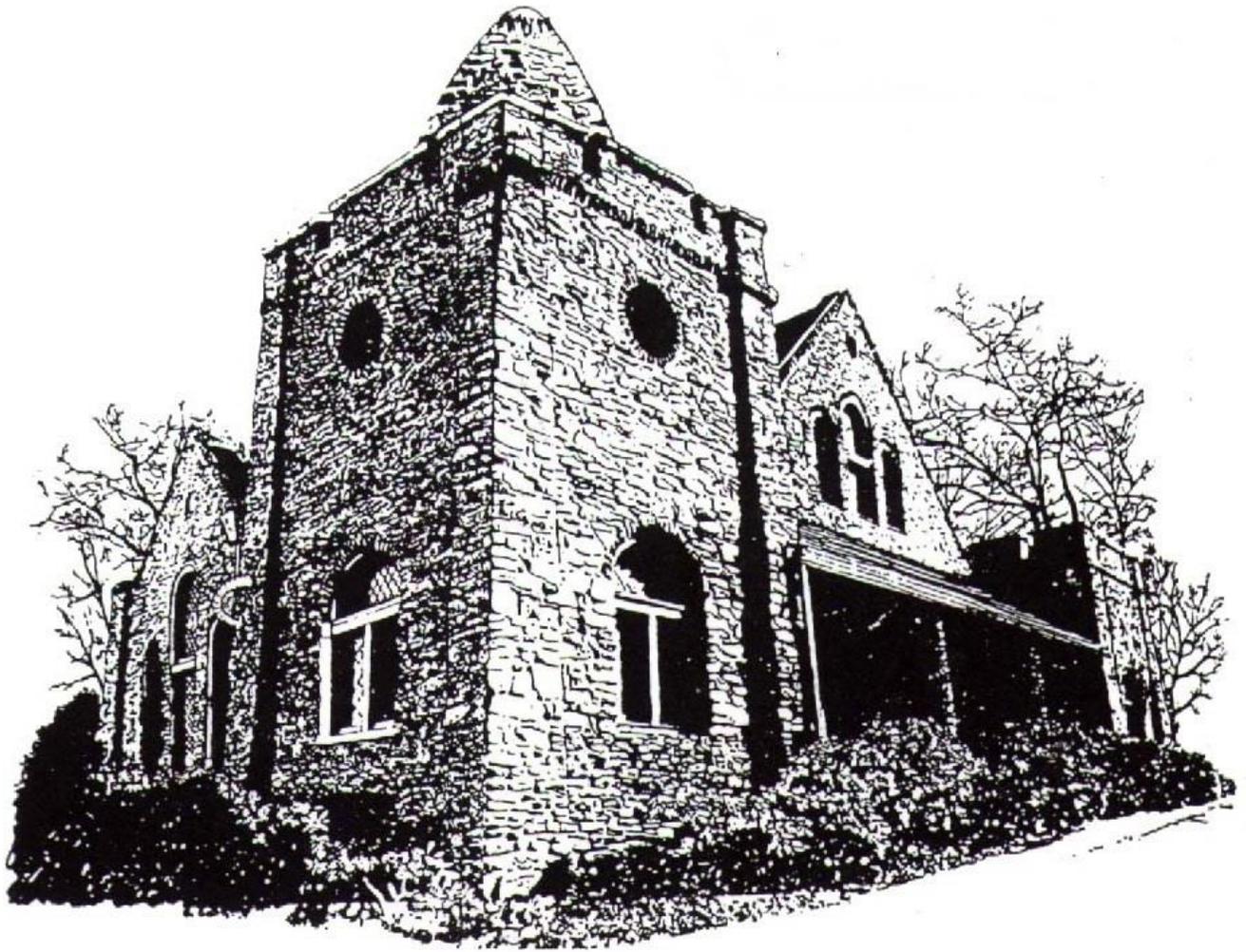


# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

## **THE GATHERING**

Prelude: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Chiming of the Hour  
Welcome and Church Family News  
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

arr. by Greer

## **PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

**Choral Call to Worship # 4** *Spirit Song* (in Songs of Worship)

SPIRIT SONG

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Linda Berkley**

Joy comes to those who hope in God.  
**For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.**  
Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!  
**The Lord will reign forever,**  
Our God will keep faith with all generations.  
**Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

**Call to Confession:**

So many choices, and we make the wrong ones; so many paths to take, and we go down the wrong ones; so much good we could do, and all we do is offer empty words. Let us bring our lives and hearts to our God, who is our help and hope, in this and every moment. Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**We say that we are good listeners, God of holy ways, but we turn stopped up ears to the vulnerable around us. We say that we live as your people, but too often, put ourselves ahead of the people we love. We say that we are people of faith, but then try to overwhelm people with words, rather than acts of service. We say so much, God of compassion, that we cannot hear you calling us to faithful living. Have mercy on us and send us out to offer kindness to the lonely. Have mercy on us and send us to be generous with the love you offer. Have mercy on us, so we might be open to all the chances we will have to follow, and to serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (moment of silent confession). In the holy and healing name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Whisper it. Say it. Shout it. Sing it! Our God comes with justice, not revenge; with hope, not a heavy hand; with grace, not grudges. This is the good news for us.  
**We will not be scared to tell anyone, and everyone, of our God who overflows with mercy, who sets us free, who watches over us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (verse 2) AMAZING GRACE

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**First Lesson: Psalm 146**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.  
Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.  
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

**Choir Anthem: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

Anonymous

**Second Lesson: Mark 7:24-30**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**Sermon: "Crumbs of Hope"**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

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

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 451 *Open My Eyes, that I May See***

OPEN MY EYES

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus***

arr. by Hayes

**\*Doxology # 606 Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

**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:**

**May our gifts not be the crumbs of our lives, but justice for those overlooked by the world; be healing for those broken by pain and grief; be grace for those who long to be listened to and welcomed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## ***THE SENDING***

**\*Closing Hymn # 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

AR HYDY NOS

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *Doxology***

arr. by Hayes



## 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.

**The Session will meet today following worship and coffee fellowship.**

**New Members Class continues for the next two Sundays, September 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 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 and/or will not be here on October 7, please contact Pastor Kathy (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.

**Wednesday Bible, 3-4:30 p.m.—We will be studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 5 & 6, on Wednesday, September 12.** There will be no Wednesday Choir Practice on September 12 or choir warmup on Sunday, September 16. Practice will resume as normal from 5:00 -6:15 pm on Wednesday, September 19.

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

**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 on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.**

**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 in the office during office hours and after worship. 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 either the list, please contact the church office.

**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](http://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.

**Fifth Annual Avery County Hunger Walk, sponsored by Reaching Avery Ministry (RAM), will be held at Riverwalk in Newland on Saturday, September 29, from 11 am – 2 pm.** The walk will follow the Riverwalk track and the day includes food, music, inflatables, a bake sale, and games for children. Proceeds will be used to assist local families through RAM's Rack Emergency Food Pantry.

### 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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