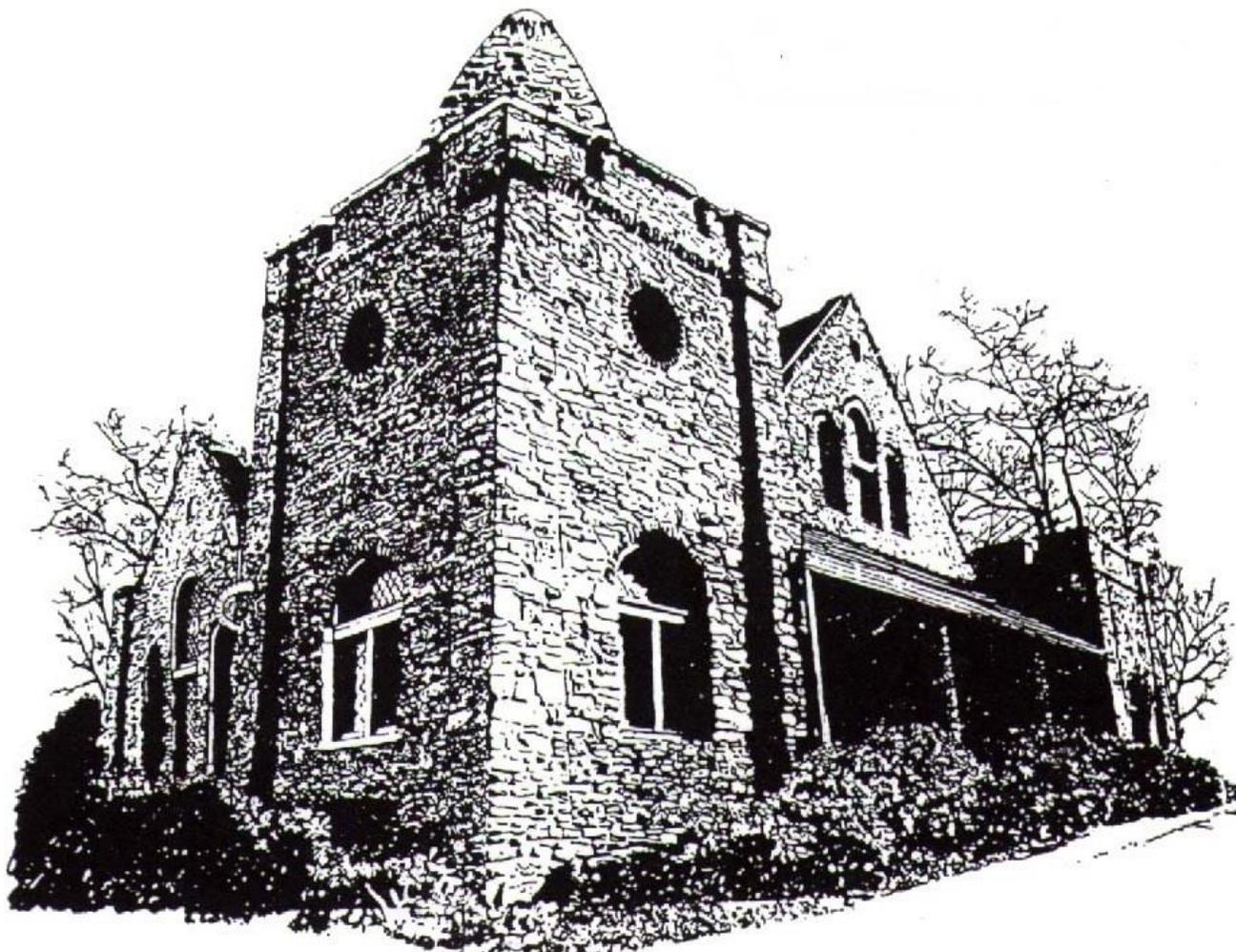


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV.KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Pie Jesu*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

by Andrew Lloyd Webber

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship

Soloist – Sarah McGuire, Guitarist - Mark McGuire

***Call to Worship:**

Praise be to God the Creator, **who breathes life into being.**
Praise be to God the Redeemer, **who saves us from ourselves.**
Praise be to God the Sustainer, **who binds us together as one body.**
Come, children of the Triune God, come worship our wild and wonderful Maker.

Hymn of Praise # 475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Call to Confession:

While we try to live in God's way, we know how often we follow the wrong advice, or walk down sin's shadowed streets. Yet, God watches over us and calls us to confess, so we might be welcomed into the embracing arms of mercy and healing.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (verse 4)

AMAZING GRACE

**The Lord has promised good to me: his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Tim and Diana Farrington present their daughter, Victoria Farrington, for Baptism

Hymn # 482 *Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first

pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Special Music

Soloist – Sarah McGuire, Guitarist - Mark McGuire

Second Lesson: Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Sermon: "Who is Great?"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Hymn of Meditation # 175 *Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *My Task*

by E. I. Ashford

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:**

Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Sweet Hour of Prayer with Just As I Am

arr. by Jannet Vogt



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 a brief congregational meeting after worship today to elect two people to serve on the elder nominating committee.

The September Potluck luncheon is today after worship and the congregational meeting. Everyone is welcome. Please join us for food and fellowship.

Caroline Wellman has generously created more note cards for our congregation. These cards feature the Centennial Quilt and Christmas cards with a variety of church scenes. 3 for \$6.00 and 6 for \$10.00 donations. The Harlees will be at the table after worship to receive your check of cash donations.

New Opportunity for Women Scholarship is our Mission Project for September. Our goal is to raise \$3,500 for one scholarship for a woman to be able to attend the program in the summer of 2019. Since its beginning in 1987, NOSW has graduated over 1,000 women and over 140 women have graduated from the NOSW program at the Lees-McRae College location. NOSW transforms the lives of Appalachian women who have had limited opportunities to succeed. The three-week residential program is free to eligible women, and the funds are raised by folks like us. Please consider a donation that will change a life. Checks should be made out to: Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designated for NOSW Scholarship. If 29 more people contribute \$100 each, we will reach our goal. More information about NOSW at Lees-McRae College go to: <https://www.lmc.edu/academics/nosw/index.htm>

Jim Taylor will be our guest preacher next Sunday, September 30, while Pastor Kathy is officiating a wedding for her great nephew in Omaha, NE. Jim is nicknamed "The Singing Preacher".

Wednesday Knitting Group meets from 1-3 pm and welcomes all knitters, from beginners to advanced. We are currently knitting hats for Avery County School children.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.—We are studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 7, on Wednesday, September 26.

Choir practice - Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:15 pm.

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 follows the Riverwalk track and the day includes food, music, inflatables, a bake sale, and games for children. Proceeds go to assist local families through RAM's Rack Emergency Food Pantry.

Please keep members of our church family and all who continue to suffer from the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. If you would like to make a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, please make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for Hurricane Relief.

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: 25

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Prayers and Thanksgivings

****Kathy Hutcheson had successful cataract surgery on one eye** and will have the second cataract surgery in October. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover. Kathy's address is P.O. Box 146, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Harry Heilig passed away on June 5th after a brief illness.** Please keep Eunice and the Heilig family in your prayers. There are no memorial service arrangements at this time. Harry and Eunice had just celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on August 30. Eunice Heilig's address is 1244 Arbor Road, Apt. 189, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. **** Please Keep Bonnie Troy** in your prayers as she prepares for surgery on her back. No date set at this time. Bonnie's Address is 15152 Fiddlestick Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33912. **** Pastor Kathy's niece, Michelle Nekuda,** has undergone successful surgery and her tumor is benign. and for her sister, **Susan Parsons,** who is struggling with low hemoglobin. ****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 receiving chemotherapy.** Please keep her and Bill in your prayers and keep the cards and calls coming! Their address is 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. ****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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