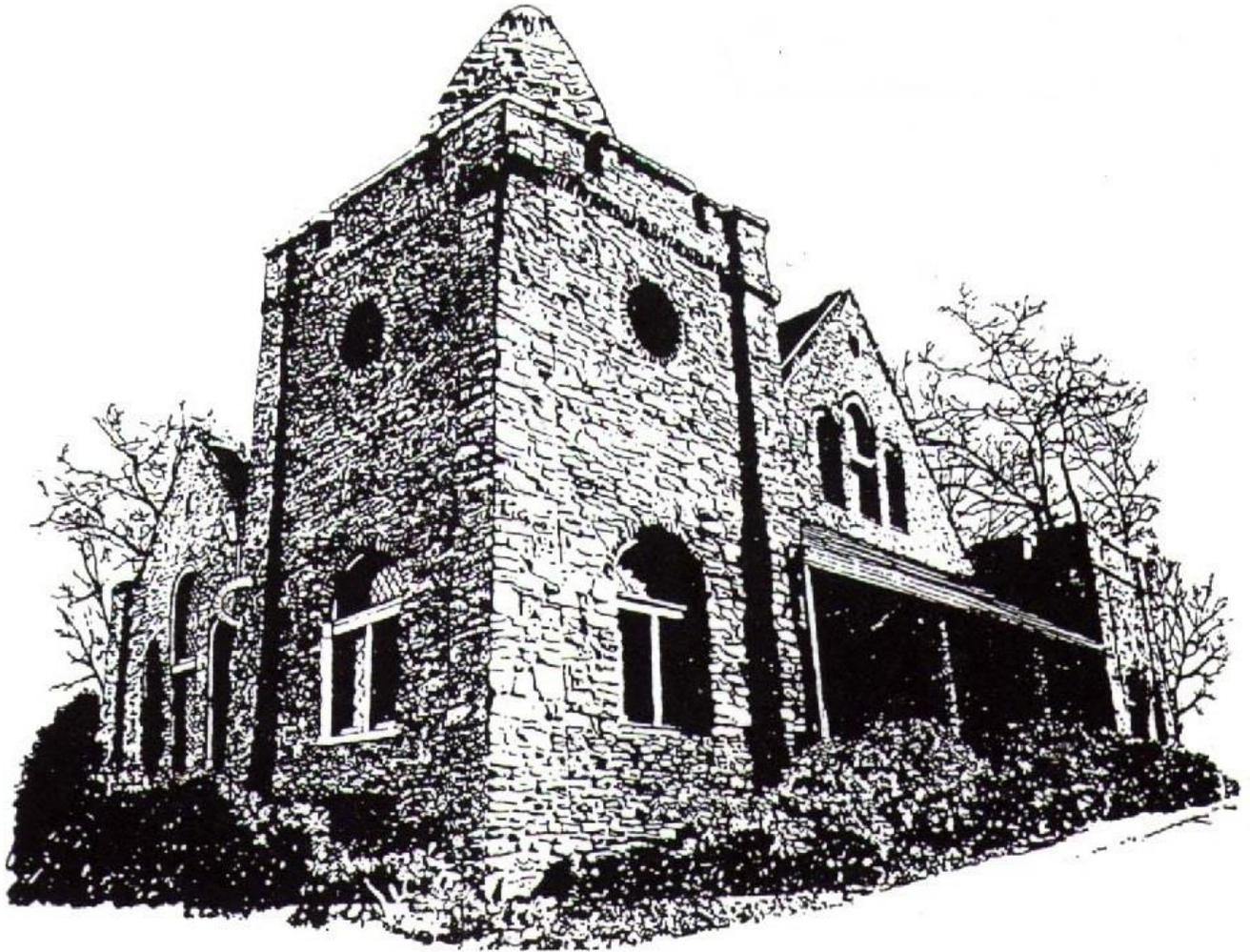


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Glory to God, We Give Thanks to You*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

Walter Greatorex

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You, Lord* (sing twice)

I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

*Call to Worship:

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

*Hymn of Praise # 336 *We Gather Together*

KREMSER

Call to Confession:

In the midst of this season of Thanksgiving, we come before God to confess those times we have not been thankful and have taken God's blessings for granted. Come, let us confess our sins before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life.

We are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God! Amen

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 3 *Wonderful Merciful Savior (Songs of Worship)* Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyes

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give us healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Choir Anthem: Let All Things Now Living

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Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-13

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Sermon: "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Hymn of Meditation # 643 *Now Thank We all Our God

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Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Give Thanks*

Harry Smith

***Doxology # 606**

OLD HUNDRETH

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

***Litany of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Giving God, we give you thanks and praise for all of your gifts to us. We know that you are the source of every good thing.

You have created us and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of Your Holy Spirit. You have given us so much, and it is because we recognize the gifts you have given to us that we now give to the work of Your kingdom.

We now dedicate this offering to the work of your kingdom here on earth. May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that your love may be known widely.

As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too, for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *O God Beyond All Understanding

Gustov Holtz

Announcements

We warmly welcome everyone to worship this morning. We hope that you will experience God's presence in this time of worship and fellowship. **At the end of worship, we will have a brief congregational meeting to nominate and elect our 2021 Class of Elders.**

Thanksgiving Potluck is today after worship and the congregational meeting. There is plenty of food for everyone, so please stay and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.—We are studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 12, this week. We will take a break on Wednesday, November 21, for Thanksgiving and resume on Wednesday, November 28.

We have collected \$1,900 for our November Mission Project and have reached our goal to cover the gift cards with enough to pay for some of the basket goodies. What a blessing to have such a generous congregation! We will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets for 14 needy individuals and families in our county selected by Volunteer Avery and 4 of our own homebound. Baskets include \$100 Ingles grocery card along with toiletries, socks, and goodies. Thanks for caring and sharing! **Thanks to all who took the time to deliver the baskets to the homes across the county.**

Would you like to help the Church Office get out our Advent Mailing? We could use some help stuffing envelopes on Thursday, November 29, 10 a.m.- 12 noon. Coffee and Christmas cookies will be waiting for you!

Would you like to be a Greeter? Your job is to be a friendly face and to help people find their name tags or give them a temporary one if they don't have a permanent one. People rotate Sundays and usually are only responsible for one Sunday per month. Please contact Beth or Greg Gacek at 828-733-8867.

The Knitting Group is taking a break through the Christmas holidays. We will start knitting again in January with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Again, many thanks to everyone who helped and donated to our project!!

Our 5th Clean-up went well. The Sunday School room and the nursery have been cleaned up and organized. Thank you to all who have helped with this fall clean-up project.

A Thank You Note from Tasha Reid: *Thank you all so very much to everyone who sent cards after my mom's passing. I am so grateful for your kindness and compassion and encouragement during this very difficult season of my life. I'd hoped to have replied to each of you individually well before now, and I will do so eventually...just please know how very, very much every sweet, beautiful card and kind word mean to me.*

Mark your Calendars:

- **Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon— Come and help prepare the sanctuary and Chrismon Tree for Christmas.** We will provide hot cocoa and cookies and Christmas music.
- **Sunday, December 2—The order forms for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one will be available.** The poinsettias are a beautiful addition to our sanctuary Christmas decorations. More information later.
- **Saturday, December 8—Setting up poinsettias in the sanctuary. Volunteers needed.**
- **Sunday, December 16—Christmas Potluck.**
- **Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m.**

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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