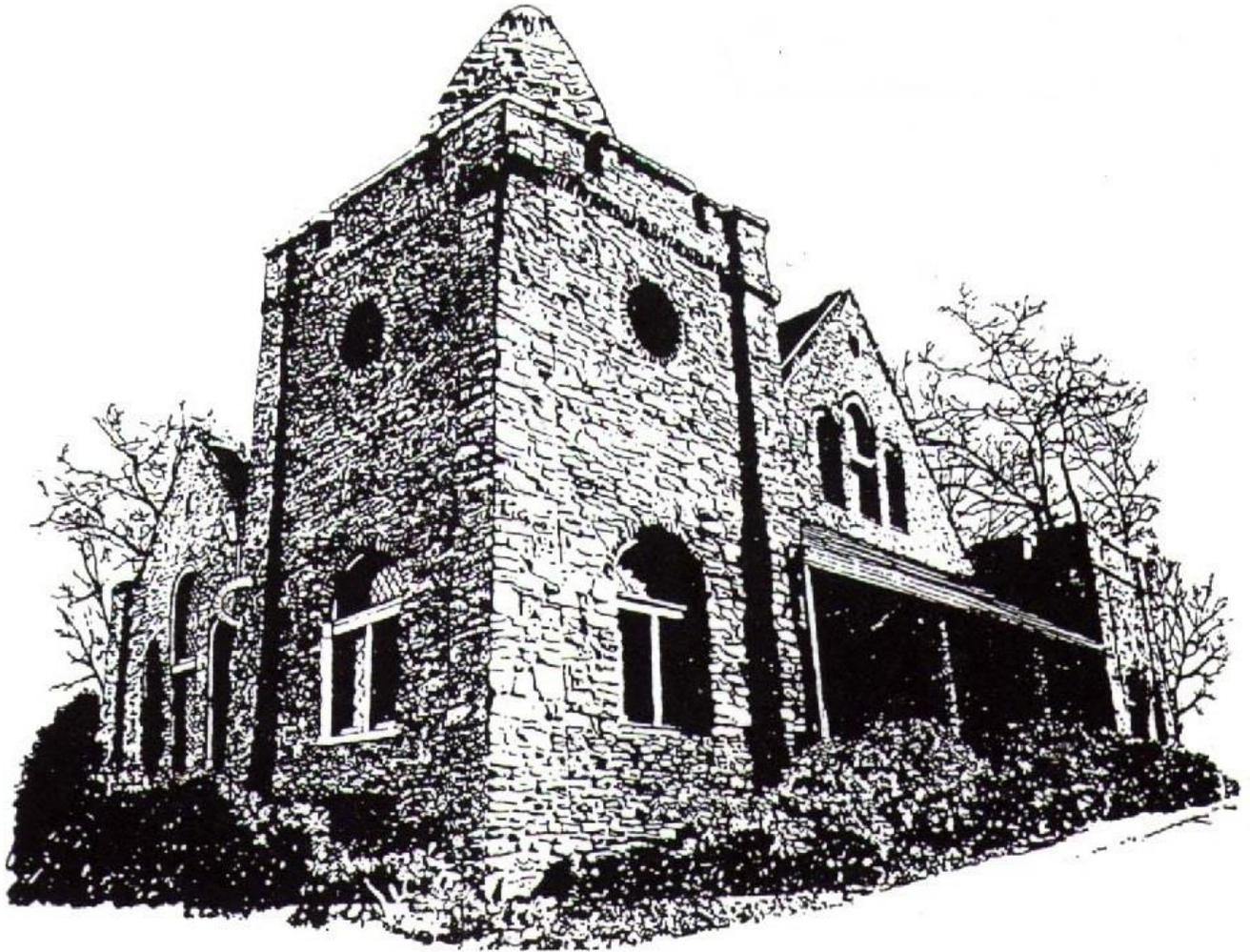


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 2, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

Skinner Chavez-Melo

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING (Cason)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

*Call to Worship: See bulletin insert

*Hymn of Praise # 83 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

STUTT GART

Call to Confession:

We are called to lift up our souls to God.

Often, we would prefer only to lift up the parts of our soul that we are proud of.

But it is equally important that we lift up to God our sins as well.

Let us do so together with honesty and courage.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We are told to be on guard, to be prepared for your coming. We confess, merciful God, that too often we are lazy and do not trouble ourselves with the prayerful Sabbath that is required on this Advent road. Help us to be alert at all times, to be aware of your presence in our lives. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths and lead us in your truth.

This pray in your holy and merciful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that the days are surely coming when God will fulfill the promise God made to us. A righteous branch is springing up!

God shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. The Lord is our righteousness!

Friends, I proclaim to you that our sins are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

Response to God's Grace and Mercy #95 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

PREPARE THE WAY

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Choir Anthem: *God so Loved the World*

words & music by Mary Kay Beall

Second Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sermon: "Prophets Past and Prophets Present"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *In His Mighty Hands*

Jane LaRowe

***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.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Because of You, Abundant God, we have blessings to offer to others. May You use our gifts to restore hope to the despairing, to feed the hungry, and to fill the empty hearts of the lonely. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 507 *Come to the Table of Grace

TABEL OF GRACE

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Communion Music *Remember Me*

Cindy Berry

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude: All Earth Is Hopeful**

Alberto Taule



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. Please join us for Coffee and Birthday Cake Fellowship after Worship this morning. Session will meet following our fellowship time.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.—We are studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 12, this week.

Thank you to everyone who came out yesterday for the Hanging of the Greens. It is a special time of year and we are excited to prepare our sanctuary for Advent and our Celebration of the Birth of Christ.

Today, we need 2 or 3 people after worship to help bring the risers for the poinsettias up to the sanctuary.

It is time to order Poinsettias for the sanctuary. There is an order form inserted in the bulletin. The Christmas season potted poinsettias are an important part of the decorations in our sanctuary. The poinsettias are provided by individuals who place them in honor or memory of loved ones, or to the glory of God. To reserve a plant, complete the order form. Please order early. Following the last service of December (December 30), you may take your plant with you. Any remaining plants will be taken to shut-ins. The deadline for ordering will be the 16th of December. You may leave your order form and payment in the collection plate, bring it to the office or mail it.

Saturday, December 8—We will be setting up poinsettias in the sanctuary. We need 2 volunteers to help place the poinsettias on the risers from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Our Sunday Christmas Luncheon will be on December 16 following our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Meat, coffee, and tea will be provided, and we ask that you bring sides or desserts to share if you are able.

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 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: 34

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Prayers and Thanksgivings

****After a long illness, Marion Blue** passed away peacefully Sunday, November 25, at home surrounded by her daughters and Pastor Kathy. Please keep her family in your prayers. 1057 Walt Clark Road, Newland, NC 28657. ******Kathy Hutcheson** has received good news from her doctor. It does not appear that she has permanent damage to her eyes. Let's add thanksgivings to our prayers for her recovery. Her address is P. O. Box 146, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Please remember John and Mike Berkley (Carroll Berkley's cousins)** and all who are struggling with the fires in California. ****Pastor Kathy asks for prayers for her sisters, Karen Phillips and Susan Parsons,** who are both suffering from very low hemoglobin and the doctors are unable to locate the source of bleeding. ****Bonnie Troy** had lumbar surgery on her back. The doctor successfully fused L3, L4, and L5. She is recovering. Please keep her and Jeff in your prayers. Her address is 15152 Fiddlesticks Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33912. ****Becky Franklin** is being treated for cervical cancer. McCoy, her husband, was the interim pastor before Pastor Kathy arrived. Please keep the Franklins in your prayers. Their address is 1015 Albert Rennolds Dr., Fredericksburg, VA. 22401. ****Gail Spooner** is suffering from a progression of her disorder, pure autonomic failure and would appreciate our prayers. Her address is 3147 Cameron Hill Road, Cameron, NC 28326. ****Nancy Stroupe Morrison's husband, Bruce,** suffered a stroke and has been moved to Life Care. Nancy's address is PO Box 278, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Please remember Judy Lily,** who is a friend of many in our congregation, as she receives treatment for cancer. Cards and letters may be sent to her in care of Beth and Greg Gacek, 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Anne Blazer** is doing great and 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. ****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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