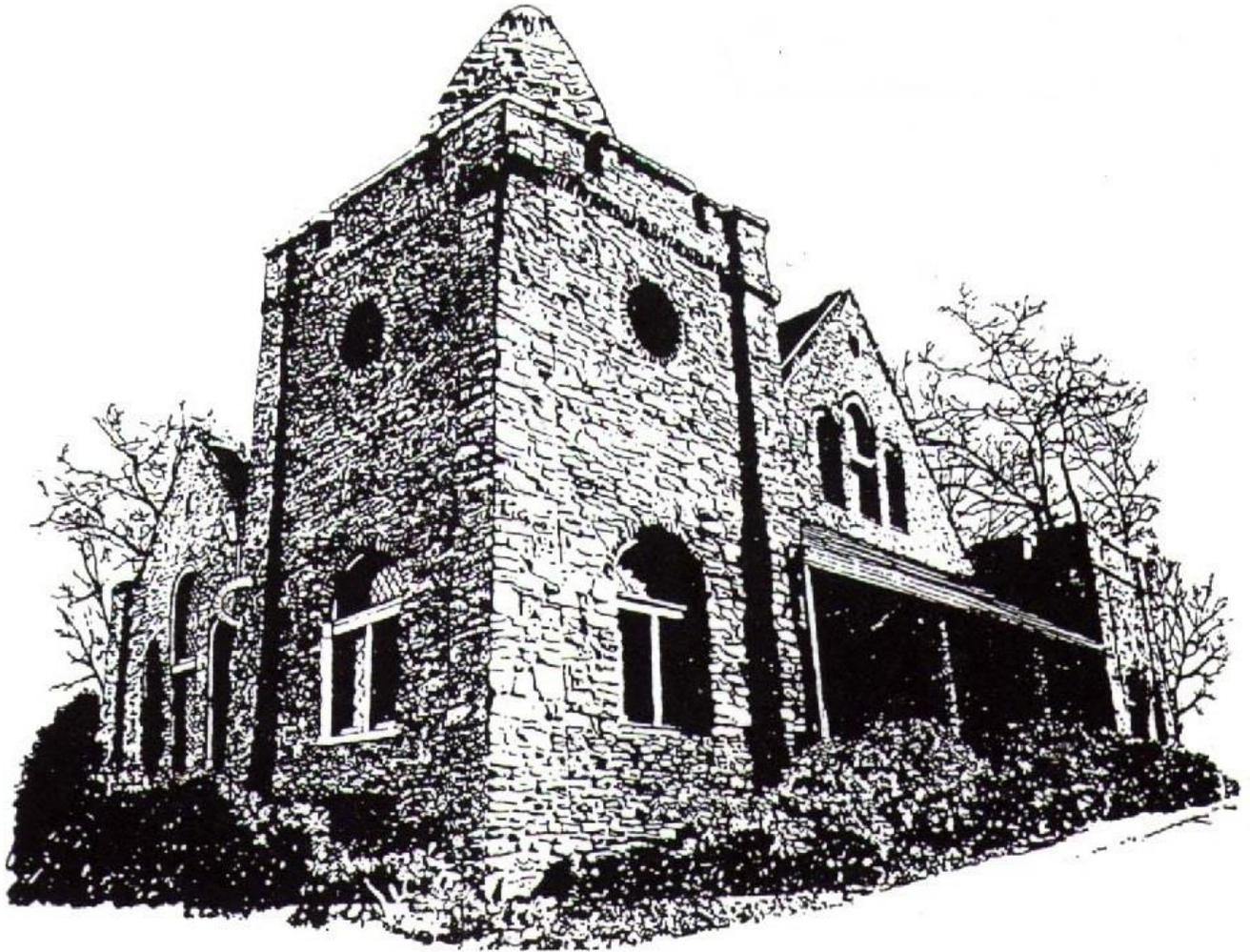


# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 16, 2018  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

# THE GATHERING

## Prelude:

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Family News

The Passing of the Peace of Christ

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

WAITING (Cason)

Lighting of the Advent Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy

Greg and Beth Gacek

### \*Call to Worship:

By the tender mercy of our God

**the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

**to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Break us open. Shine your light. Guide our way.

**Prince of Peace, we come to worship You. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise # 105 *People Look East*

BESANCON

### Call to Confession:

We may appear pure and blameless to others, but we know the mistakes we have made with our words, our thoughts, and our actions. But God promises not only to save us from our enemies, sin and death, but from ourselves as well. Join me as we offer our confessing words to the One who will make us new once more.

### Unison Prayer of Confession:

**God of life and light, we live with tunnel vision. We see only what is right around us—our worries, our to-do lists, our concerns. Break open Your light, so that we would see others around us. Break open Your light, so we might experience the joy and wonder of the season. Break open Your light, so that we might walk on the path of peace, justice, and mercy, that you have laid before us** (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, who is breaking into our lives in a new way, we pray. **Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon:

God is our witness. We have spoken of our lives and been forgiven of every mistake we have made, every hurt we have caused.

**We are held in God's heart, not only on this day, but all the days of our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

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

PREPARE THE WAY

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.**

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

### First Lesson: Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Choir Anthem: *Lift Up Your Heads*

arr. by Larry Shackley

## **Second Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Sermon: "Angels of God, Past and Present"**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

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

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

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other***

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*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:**

**Holy God of Light and Love: lead us through this season of journey, not only in our worship, but also in our living. Ignite not just candles, but the flames of our faith, that we might more fully trust you with all we are and all we have. As we offer our gifts to you, open our hearts to the joy of generosity, that we might give compassion recklessly, judgment sparingly, and forgiveness unconditionally. In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## ***THE SENDING***

**\*Closing Hymn # 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory***

REGENT SQUARE

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:**



## Announcements

**We warmly welcome everyone to worship this morning as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent.** We hope that you will experience God's presence in this time of worship and fellowship. **We welcome back our guest pianist, Lana Donovan.** Please stay for our Christmas Luncheon after worship this morning.

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.—We are studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 13, this week.**

**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 19th of December. You may leave your order form and payment in the collection plate, bring it to the office or mail it.

**We really need help stuffing envelopes for our Christmas Card mailing on Wednesday, December 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The church office will provide coffee, hot cocoa, and Christmas cookies for all who come to help out! Call before you come to be sure we are ready for you.

**Spread the word about our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24, from 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to an evening of traditional Christmas carols, ancient Scripture readings, stories, prayers, and special music as we celebrate the Christ Child born over 2,000 years ago and welcome the Christ born anew in our lives this Christmas.

**Our December Mission Project is Volunteer Avery.** Every dollar given to our Christmas Eve Offering will go to Volunteer Avery, a local crisis ministry with which we partner. Volunteer Avery provides groceries, fuel, electricity, rent, medicine, and other necessities for those in our county who are in desperate need. What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas by sharing our blessings with our brothers and sisters struggling to survive this winter.

**The Church Office will be closed Christmas Day and December 26. It will be open Thursday, December 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**We will move worship services to the fellowship hall on Sunday, January 6.** We would appreciate volunteers to help on move hymnals and the communion table downstairs after worship on Sunday, December 30.

**There will be no Midweek News next week or the week following Christmas.** Emailed and mailed sermons and bulletins may be delayed.



### 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: No Service due to snow

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