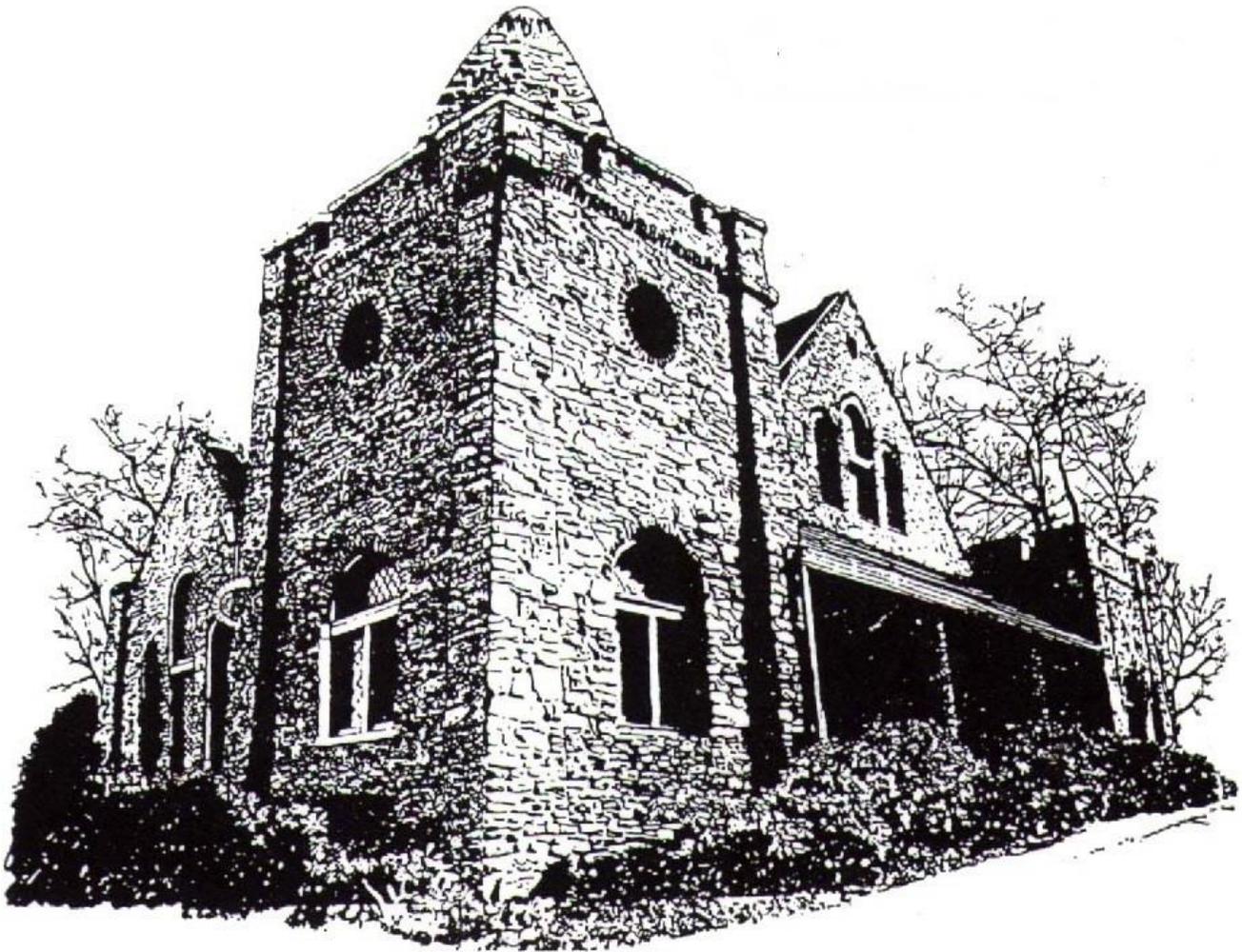


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 6, 2019
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Church Family News

The Passing of the Peace of Christ

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (verse1)

LANDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

***Call to Worship**

We gather: a community of faith in God's subversive world.

We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light,
to remember that love will always be more powerful than death,
and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.

We gather, people of faith in the light of God's world.

Welcome to worship.

Hymn of Praise # 147 *The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Call to Confession:

Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life, rather than running to the Light of life? Why do we love the wrong we do rather than grasping the good news offered to us? As we struggle with such questions, let us speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We search for your light, O God, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Up, on your feet! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us. **This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 647 *Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

Ordination and Installation of the 2021 Class of Elders

Charlotte Davila, Janis Kenyon, Mimi Sloop

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 – See bulletin insert

Choir Anthem: *What Star is This, with Beams so Bright*

text by Charles Coffin

Second Lesson: John 1:1-14 - See bulletin insert

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology # 609 *Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

God of all good gifts, who gives freely to us, have mercy on us and grant us the peace that only the Prince of Peace can provide. Grant that our lives would be an offering, and that our work would be a good gift, just as the gifts that the magi brought, pleasing to you and fit for the Ruler of all creation. We look to you, our Prophet, Priest and Ruler, to govern the world with justice, peace, and grace. Amen

Hymn of Meditation # 530 *One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

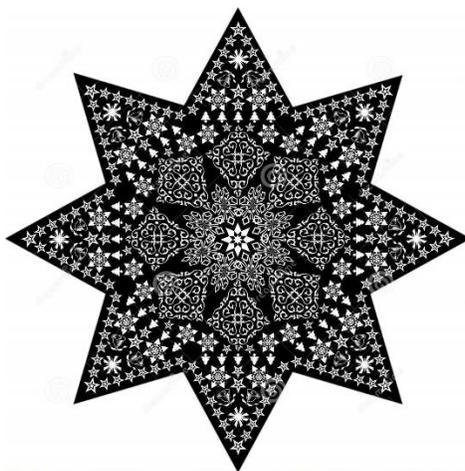
THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 744 *Arise Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**



Announcements

We warmly welcome everyone to worship this morning as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday. We hope that you will experience God's presence in this time of worship and fellowship. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship. We will be celebrating our January birthdays with a delicious birthday cake. Session will meet following Coffee Fellowship.

Wednesday, January 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm., the Knitting Group will resume. All are welcome. If you are a beginner, there is always someone to help you get started. In the event of inclement weather, follow the Avery County Schools Schedule. No public school means no knitting that day. You can also call the church office to find out.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. — We will be studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 13.

It is time to take down the Chrismon tree and the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and we really need volunteers to help on Tuesday, January 15, 1:30- 3:30 p.m.

Shirley Price's Memorial Service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 19, at 2:00 p.m.

There will be a potluck luncheon on Sunday, January 27, after worship. Ham, coffee, and tea will be provided. Please bring a side dish if you are able. **We will be collecting Food for People and Pets and Five Cents a Meal that same Sunday.**

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service was a beautiful time of celebration. Many old and new friends joined us as we filled the sanctuary and celebrated with music, scripture readings, and reflections. **Every dollar of the Christmas Eve offering went to Volunteer Avery, a local crisis ministry and one of our mission partners. We collected \$3,113.00, an amazing outpouring of love to those who are in desperate need this winter.** We are so very grateful to all who donated. Volunteer Avery serves so many of our Avery County residents who fall through the cracks. It helps with emergency needs such as medicine, rent, oil, electricity, food and much more.

OUR ELDERS

Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila
Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims
Class of 2020: Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley
Ashlyn DeWitt: Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson: Director of Music
Barbara Ross: Voluntary Church Administrator
Attendance Last Sunday: 39

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Prayers and Thanksgivings

****Pat McMannen** is having health concerns and would appreciate our prayers. She and Archie are in Florida through January. Their mailing address is: P.O. Box 293, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Susan Hartley** (daughter of Bob and Linda Taylor) is also having health concerns. Please remember her in your prayers. She loves phone calls and cards. Susan and Clay Hartley's mailing address is: P.O. Box 35, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Betty Wise**, a former member of our congregation, is having surgery on her right eye on January 8. She has lost sight in her left eye and would like prayers for a successful surgery. ****Prayers of thanksgiving for Anne Blazer.** She is cancer free - no more chemo. Anne's and Bill's address is 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. ****Bill and Laura Lind** are asking prayers for a dear friend, **Amanda Edwards**, who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer for the third time. She is starting her fourth round of chemo in three years. She and her husband have two young children. The Lind's' address is: 3334 Land Harbor, 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 continued prayers for her recovery. Her address is P. O. Box 146, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****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. ****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. ****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.

Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; cell phone: 828-260-2512, email: rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com. Her office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there.