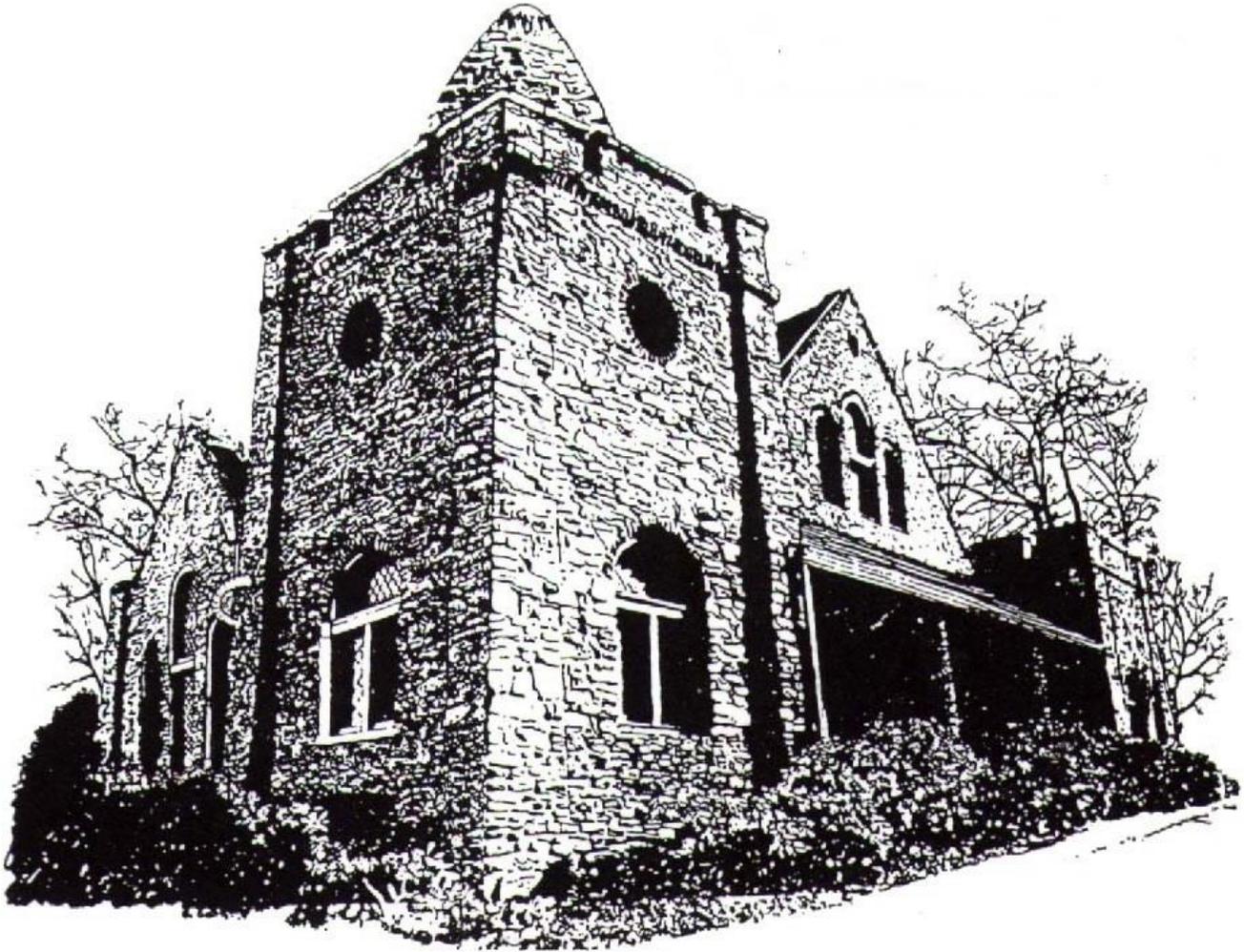


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 24, 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 # 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul – what wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul.

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 63:1-8:

Daniel Coffey

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

I meditate on you in the watches of the night; I cling to you, for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

*Hymn of Praise # 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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Call to Confession:

Liturgist: Psalm 32:5-6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer;"

Litany of Confession:

Holy One, we come to confession that if we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us

Then this world would be transformed, Lord

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church

Then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world

Through your love and your power in the name of Christ, Amen.

Hymn of Reflection: *Have Thine Own Way (verse 2)*

ADELAIDE

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Prayer of Assurance: Hear the good news as written in First Corinthians:

"No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing, he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Assurance: *Have Thine Own Way (verse 4)*

ADELAIDE

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only always, living in me.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-13

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Special Music

Second Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Sermon: "Figless"

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Response to The Word

***Hymn of Response # 800 Sometimes a Light Surprises**

SALLEY GARDENS

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed - Glory to God Hymnal – page 35**

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology # 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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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!

THE SENDING

***Closing Hymn # 822 When We Are Living**

SOMOS DEL SENOR

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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 our monthly potluck luncheon after worship.** Everyone is welcome!

We are collecting Food for People and Pets and Five Cents a Meal this morning. If you forgot your groceries, you can still contribute. Make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for Volunteer Avery.

Join us for our March Potluck Luncheon following worship this morning. There is plenty for everyone!

Our Lenten Mission Project began Sunday, March 9. Our goal for this project is \$3,000 for 30 educational scholarships for children and youth in Guatemala through our sister congregation, Libano Presbyterian Church, in Los Cerros, Guatemala. We are half way to our goal. **So far, we have collected \$1,500.00.** This is our sixth year of supporting children in Los Cerros who would not have an opportunity to stay in school past the third grade. It only costs \$100 a year to keep a child in school and this donation covers the cost of books, school supplies, and the required uniform. Every year the Elders of Libano Presbyterian Church, who administer the program, send us a report with the original receipts, a photo of each child, the career they want to pursue, and the grade they have just completed. Checks should be made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designated for the Guatemala Scholarship Fund. Thanks for caring and sharing!

Bible Study Wednesdays: 3:00 – You are invited to join us on Wednesdays, from 3-4:30 p.m., **We have begun a new study for Lent.** We will be walking with Jesus through Holy Week studying the Gospel accounts and sharing the book, Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences.

Wednesday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Knitting Group - All are welcome. In the event of inclement weather, follow the Avery County Schools Schedule. You can also call the church office. The knitting group knits hats and scarves for the homeless.

Thanks to those who volunteered at Feeding Avery Families this past Friday. Our next Hands-On Service Project will take place on Thursday, April 11, 9 a.m.- 12 noon—Reaching Avery Ministry Food Pantry and Ram's Rack Store. Contact Pastor Kathy to sign up, 828-260-2512.

The Men's Breakfast group is meeting at 8:00 a.m. at Kaye's Kitchen in Newland on the first Tuesday of each month. April's meeting will be on April 2, 8:00 a.m., at Kaye's. Carroll Berkley is leading this group. Please contact him if you have any questions. (828-898-3855)

Our Prayer Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be on April 2. We welcome you to join us in the parlor/conference room off the fellowship hall.

Thank You Note from Volunteer Avery:

Dear Crossnore Presbyterian Church, I want to express my appreciation for your generosity in support of Volunteer Avery County. Your personal commitment is incredibly helpful to the people we serve. It allows us to reach our daily goals. Thank you for everything Crossnore Presbyterian Church does for the community. Sincerely, Cindy Lindecamp, Director.

OUR ELDERS

Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims
Class of 2020: Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley
Class of 2021: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila, Janis Kenyon
Ashlyn DeWitt: Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson: Director of Music
Barbara Ross: Voluntary Church Administrator
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Prayers and Thanksgivings Sunday, March 24, 2019

****Larry Brown** had a total hip replacement a week ago and is now in a rehabilitation center. Please pray for his continued healing. His address is 906 West College Ave., Enterprise, AL 36330. ****Bill Lind** had a complete knee replacement this Tuesday and will be doing his rehab in Charlotte. **Laura Lind** is having tests run to find out why she is having double vision. Please keep Bill and Laura in your prayers. Their address is 3334 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **** Barbara Stuart's** cancer surgery on Tuesday was successful and the cancer has not spread to the lymph nodes. She is at home recovering. Please keep her and Charlie in your prayers. Their address is 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804. ****Frances Magruder** is recovering from surgery after being diagnosed with cancer. She is in the process of determining where she will receive immunotherapy. Please keep her in your prayers. Her address is P.O. 154, Linville, NC 28646-0154. ****Jim Taylor** had a successful total knee replacement and has begun his rehab. His address is 1592 Meadow Ave., Banner Elk, NC 28604. ****Daniel Coffey's grandmother, Dorothy Ward,** is under hospice care. Her cancer has metastasized, and she is struggling with pain. Daniel's address is P.O. Box 1102, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. ****Eric Sowder's parents** are going through a difficult time. Eric's address is: P.O. Box 2585, Lyons, CO 80540. ****Deborah Roberson's mother** has just been diagnosed with dementia. Deborah's address is P.O. Box 132, Newland, NC 28657. ****Gordon Gacek,** Greg Gacek's brother, is at home recovering from the flu and pneumonia. His address is Apt. 204, 557 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. ****Susan Hartley** (daughter of Bob and Linda Taylor) is having health concerns. She loves phone calls and cards. Susan and Clay Hartley's mailing address is: P.O. Box 35, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Anne Blazer** is in a rehabilitation center as she continues to recover from an infection. Anne's and Bill's address is 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. ****Kathy Hutcheson** continues to ask for prayers as she works with her doctors to regain her full vision. Her address is P. O. Box 146, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****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 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 Life Care at Banner Elk, P.O. Box 2199, Banner Elk, NC.

Mark these dates:

Palm Sunday, April 14: 9 a.m.—Choir Practice; 10:15 a.m.—Sunday School; 11 a.m.—Worship and Communion; 12 noon—Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: We need volunteers to help clean the sanctuary for Easter Service.

Maundy Thursday, April 18: Dinner and Worship in the fellowship hall: Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and Worship begins at 6:45 p.m. Fletcher Presbyterian Church will be joining us again this year.

Easter Sunday, April 21: 9 a.m.—Choir Practice; 10 a.m.—Easter Breakfast: coffee, orange juice, and pastries; 11 a.m.—Celebration of the Resurrection, Easter Worship Service; 12 noon—Coffee Fellowship

Mayland Fellowship will hold Holy Week Services at 7:00 p.m., Palm Sunday, April 14, through Wednesday, April 17, at First Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine (970 Greenwood Rd, Spruce Pine, NC 28777). The worship services will be followed by refreshments each evening.