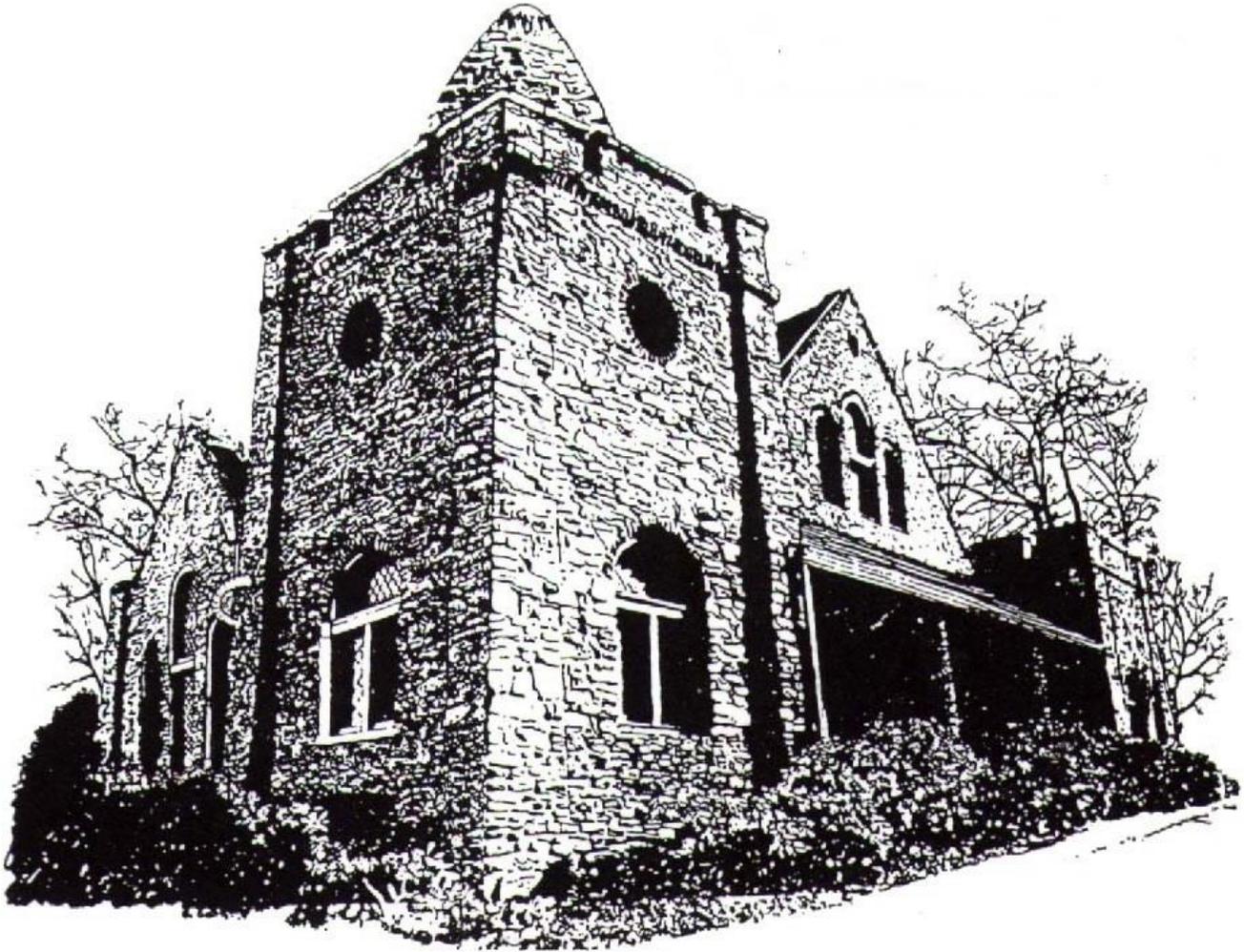


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31, 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*

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comforts still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Call to Worship (from 2 Corinthians 5:7, 14-16):

Greg Gacek

We walk by faith, not by sight;

for the love of Christ urges us on.

If we are in Christ,

we are a new creation

Everything old has passed away;

everything has become new!

Come, enter this time of worship:

May we be renewed in our spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Hymn of Praise # 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Call to Confession (from Psalm 145: 8, 18-19):

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and filled with unfailing love. God is close to all who call on God in truth, listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation. So let's bring our confession to God, knowing that God will hear our prayers and forgive us.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess that at times, even when we do our best, we fail. We are not perfect. We sometimes do not recognize when our words or actions, even when we mean well, can cause harm. We miss signs and cues from others.

Call us into accountability and show us mercy. Instill in our hearts kindness and compassion, for others and ourselves. Teach us how to forgive well, in ways that protect ourselves from further harm, but extend the same mercy You have extended to us.

Forgive us when we have failed to notice the harm we have caused, and help us to correct our faults and make amends as best as we are able (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:1)

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKETALLE GOTT

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things have done, in whom the world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is our today.*

Welcoming Our New Active Member:

George Riggsbee is transferring from Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC

Prayer of Illumination

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Choir Anthem

Second Lesson: Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Sermon: "All in the Family"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Response to The Word

Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith, *Glory to God Hymnal*, page 37, Sections 1 & 2

Hymn of Meditation # 821 *How Can I Keep from Singing

HOW I KEEP FROM SINGING

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology # 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

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

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this community and wherever you call us to be in relationship with others. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson;
Pianist: Lisa Smith; Liturgist: Greg Gacek

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 Fellowship following worship.

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 over half way to our goal. So far, we have collected \$1,675.00. 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!

Wednesday Bible Study - you are invited to join us on Wednesdays, from 3-4:30 p.m. We are 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.

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 the church office to sign up: 828-733-1939.

The Men's Breakfast Group is meeting at 8:00 a.m. at Kaye's Kitchen in Newland this Tuesday, April 2. The men meet the first Tuesday of every month.

Our Prayer Group is meeting this Tuesday, April 2, at 10:30 a.m. We welcome you to join us in the parlor/conference room off the fellowship hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

There will be a Session meeting after worship and coffee fellowship, Sunday, April 7.

We collected Food for People and Pets this past Sunday. If you couldn't bring your donation last week, please know that you can bring it anytime and we will be sure it gets to Volunteer Avery. They need canned goods including vegetables, fruits, meats, soups and peanut butter & jelly. If you prefer, you can write a check, make it out to Crossnore Presbyterian and designate it for Volunteer Avery.

Thanks to everyone who brought food for our potluck last Sunday. The soups, sandwiches, and desserts were great! It was a good time of fellowship. A special thanks to Charlotte Davila for organizing the luncheon.

Patricia McGarr is settling into her new home and life in Charlotte. If you would like her new address, please call the office. 828-733-1939.

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 and April Birthday Cake.

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. On Palm Sunday evening, dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

We are delighted that **George Riggsbee** is becoming an Active Member of our congregation this morning. He has been a part of our church family for a while and has already accepted the responsibility of chairing our church's building and grounds committee. George was born in Augusta, Georgia, raised in Charlotte, NC, and graduated from UNC-Charlotte with a degree in Engineering. After working as a Civil and Structural Engineer at industrial facilities throughout his career, he retired and moved with his wife, Nancy, to Gingercake Acres in 2018.



George's faith journey began with his baptism at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and attending elementary school at Calvary Christian Day School. He was an Active Member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church for 27 years and transferred to Sardis Presbyterian Church in 1994. At Sardis, George served six years as an ordained Deacon and three years as an Ordained Elder. One of his joys was teaching and shepherding the First Grade Sunday School Class at Sardis for 21 years.

George's hobbies include: all things mechanical, home repair and improvement projects, open cockpit airplanes, horses, camping, hiking, rock climbing, and caving.

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Prayers and Thanksgivings

****Joanna Campbell** is taking her Chemistry preliminary exams at Duke on April 10. Her address is: 12303 Drew Hill Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Please keep her in your prayers. ****Larry Brown** had a successful total hip replacement and is now at home recovering. Please pray for his continued healing. His address is 906 West College Ave., Enterprise, AL 36330. ****Bill Lind** is recovering from a complete knee replacement 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. ****** After a successful surgery, **Barbara Stuart** is cancer free and does not need to have chemo or radiation. Please pray for her as she continues to recover. Her address is 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804. ****Frances Magruder** is recovering from surgery after being diagnosed with cancer. She will be traveling to Texas to undergo immunotherapy and MD Anderson Cancer Center. 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 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.

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

Attendance: 35

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