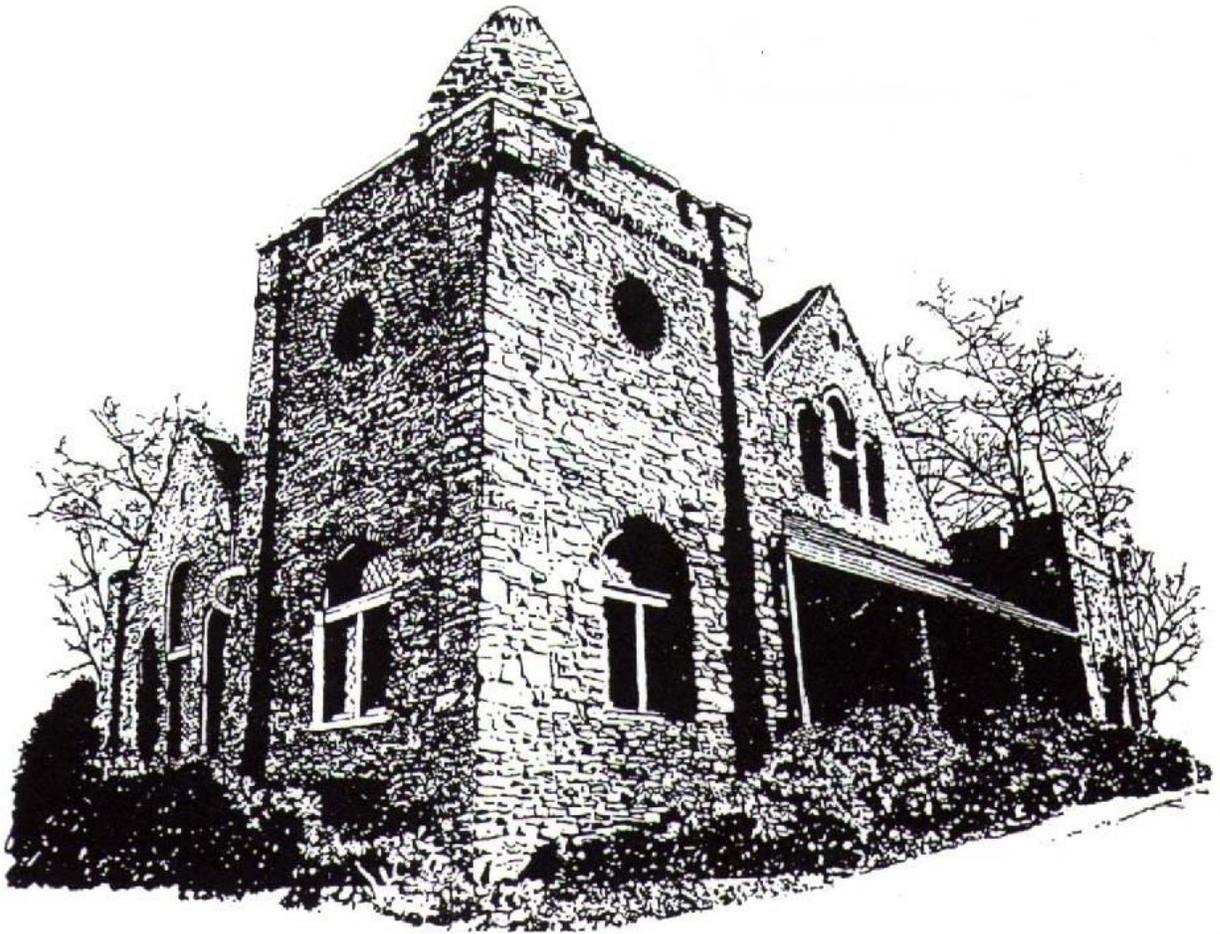


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Christ Arose*
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

Robert Lowry

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: *Easter Anthem*

William Billings

Zack Allen, Maggie Lauterer, Bobby Taylor, Mel Wilhite, Ashlyn DeWitt

*Call to Worship:

Jesus, You told us this would happen; that we would know that death was not an ending, but rather a beginning. You promised that no tomb would hold You and that we would see You again alive and glorified.

But we didn't believe it – we still struggle to believe it. We face the little deaths which fill our lives with fear and dread and despair. We, at times, look away from Your resurrected glory believing ourselves to be beyond the reach of Your grace and life.

But, now in this place, we gather to be reminded. Resurrection has happened – it happens still. Grace and life can find us anywhere and bring us home. And so we worship, with joy and relief and with awe and trembling.

Stand among us now, Jesus, and let Your life flood our weary and doubting souls.

*Hymn of Praise # 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Call to Confession:

On this day, as on every day, we know the ways in which we have denied God's presence in our lives, with the words, the actions, the harm we offer to others. Yet on this Easter, as on the first, God heals us, God fills us with grace, God calls us by name. Let us bring all we have done, so God might forgive us. Join me in the litany of confession.

Litany of Confession:

We come running, looking for you, Risen Christ, but you are not where we expect you to be. As always, you are to be found among the living—those living at the edge, those living with uncertainty, those living in ways we cannot imagine and may not approve.

We come running, our hands full of things and our minds full of worries, only to find that you have been here already, you have rolled away the stone and called us to trust your word.

If this good news is true, it means everything is different now. We confess that our excitement is a little bit nervous—it's hard for us not to be in control.

Today as we peer once again into your empty tomb, remind us of all you have told us, and then guide our feet to follow. Fill the empty tombs of our hearts with your love that cannot be contained. Breathe new life into us, into your church, into your world, and overcome our doubt and fear so that we too may be found among the living.

Turn our expectations upside down, and lead us into the new and different world you are creating, even now, even here (moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

On this Easter, as on the first; on this day, as on every day; God turns to us, calls us by name, and plants forgiveness and hope in our lives.

Alleluia! This is the good news! Christ is our peace, the peace we need, the peace which will heal the world. Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 233 *The Day of Resurrection, verse one*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Choir Anthem: *Behold the Empty Tomb*

words & music by Joe E. Parks

Second Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Sermon: “The *Other Mary*”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Response to The Word

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

Hymn of Meditation # 238 *Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Welcome, Happy Morning*

Rob Peery

***Doxology #**

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

God of life, in raising Jesus from the dead, you triumphed over the power of the grave and opened the way to your kingdom of life. You have called us to bear witness to your good news. Let the gifts we dedicate, and the lives we lead, proclaim the glory of the risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Alleluia! Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Hallelujah!

The Messiah – George F. Handel

Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson; Pianist: Lana Donovan

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 is very close to our goal. We will finish this project today, Easter Sunday. 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. 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. Checks should be made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designated for the Guatemala Scholarship Fund. Thanks for caring and sharing!

A very big Thank You to the volunteers who cleaned the sanctuary in preparation for Easter Sunday Worship. The sanctuary looks and smells wonderful!

Wednesday Bible Study - We invite you to join us on Wednesdays, from 3-4:30 p.m. We will not meet on April 24th but will resume on May 1. We continue 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.

Wednesday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Knitting Group - All are welcome. The knitting group knits hats and scarves for the homeless. The knitting group will not meet this Wednesday, April 24, but will resume the next Wednesday, May 1.

The choir will meet to practice on April 28 at 9:40 am. and will begin meeting every Wednesday from 5:00-6:15pm on Wednesday, May 1.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 25. There will be someone here to answer phones, but Pastor Kathy and Ashlyn will be doing a deep clean of their offices.

Our next Potluck Luncheon will be next Sunday, April 28. We will provide BBQ and coffee, tea and lemonade. If you are able, please bring a side dish or a dessert. Anyone who would like to help with setup, serving and/or cleanup, please give Charlotte Davila a call at 828-733-9591.

Food for People and Pets and 5 Cents a Meal donations will also be Sunday, April, 28. Volunteer Avery is in need of canned goods: soups, meats, vegetables, fruits and peanut butter and jelly.

Tuesday, April 30—Presbytery meeting at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC.

We will have a Grounds Workday on Friday, May 3, beginning at 1:00 pm. Gather your gloves, garden and yard tools and come join in! The rain date is Friday, May 10 at 1:00pm.

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: 20

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