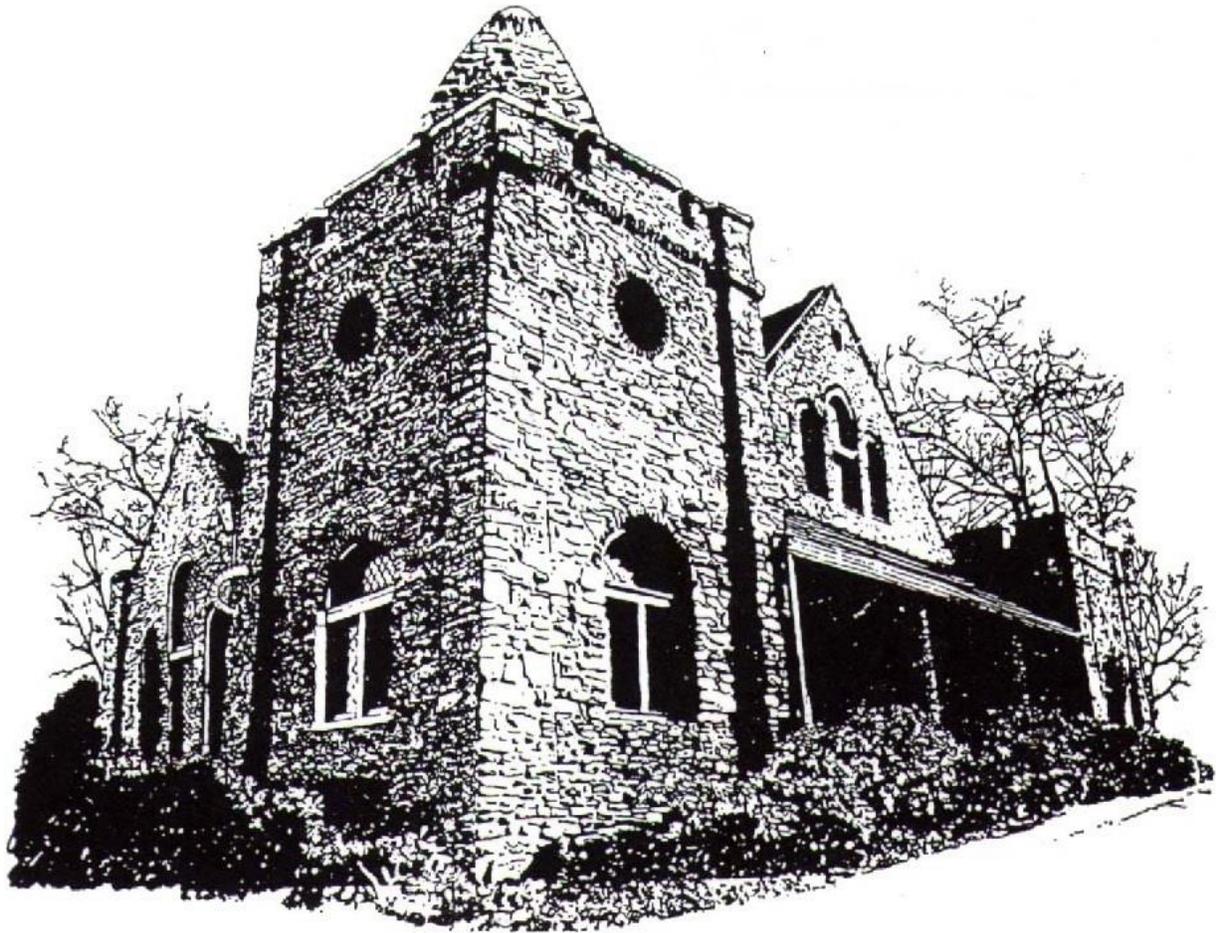


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, MAY 12, 2019
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *God Leads Us Along*

based on tune by G.A. Young
arr. by Benjamin Harlan

Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

*Choral Call to Worship # 243 *Be Not Afraid*

BE NOT AFRAID

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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*Call to Worship:

Ashlyn DeWitt

From God comes the wonder of creation.

We will worship God the Creator.

From God comes healing for the brokenness we see.

We will worship God our Redeemer.

From God comes the strength to face the new day.

We worship God our Sustainer.

*Hymn of Praise # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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Call to Confession:

How easy we can learn of God's love - how hard it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another. Join me as we confess our failures to love and we open our hearts to God.

Litany of Confession:

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out.

The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not within us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God.

Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love (moment of silent confession). In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

The Word which can transform is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 3 *Wonderful, Merciful Savior, vs 1 (Songs of Worship)* words & music by

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend

Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give us the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 37

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*, Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Choir Anthem: *Surely Goodness and Mercy*

text & music by John W. Peterson & Alfred B. Smith
based on Psalm 23

Second Lesson: John 14:13-29

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Sermon: “I Will Never Leave You”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Response to The Word

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

Hymn of Meditation # 443 *There is a Redeemer

GREEN

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

based on tune by William B. Bradley
arr. by Becky Waters
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***Doxology # 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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

Gracious God, you are a loving parent imparting wisdom to those who love and follow you. As Jesus demonstrated to his disciples, you offer the immeasurable peace of an eternal home. We praise your name in the comfort of this peace and place these tithes and offerings before you. Multiply these gifts so that those seeking to establish peace in this world will feel your guiding hand. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen. *John 14:23-29*

Closing Hymn # 547 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

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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.

Tuesday Opportunities:

***Men's Breakfast Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Kaye's Kitchen at 8:00 am.**

***Prayer Group meets next on Tuesday, May 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room.** Everyone welcome.

Wednesday Opportunities:

***Knitting Group- 1:00- 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

***Bible Study- 3- 4:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall,** and will begin a new study on May 15

***Choir Practice- 5- 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary**

We are looking for volunteers to act as docents for 2 hour shifts on Mondays, Fridays, or Saturdays to allow us to expand the time our sanctuary is open to visitors. Volunteer for one shift or more per week. Docents will receive training in Crossnore Presbyterian Church's history and architecture in order to be able to share this information with and answer questions for our visitors. Please contact Barbara Ross at (828) 387-6332 for more information.

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: 57

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Prayers and Thanksgivings

****Betty Redman France** had a heart catheterization on Friday, May 10. Please keep her in your prayers. Her address is 108 Lower Grouse Ridge Road, Beech Mountain, NC 28604. ****Laura Lind** has good news to share—the cysts in her kidneys were benign. She would like prayers for her next procedure, the biopsy of a cyst in her pancreas. Her address is 3334 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Karen Phillips**, Pastor Kathy's twin sister, has finally been diagnosed with Crone's disease, which was the cause of her low hemoglobin, and will begin treatment. Her address is 1816 N. 111th Street, Omaha, NE 68154. ****Frances Magruder** is in Texas at MD Anderson Cancer Center beginning her treatment. She is able to come back home for short periods. Her address is P.O. Box 154, Linville, NC 28646-0154. ****Please** continue to keep **the Tennant family** in your prayers in the passing of **Dalton Tennant** on Sunday, April 21. Dalton was the grandson of **Tommie Tennant**, P.O. Box 548, Crossnore, NC 28616, and the great nephew of **Bob and Linda Taylor**, P.O. Box 186, Crossnore, NC 28616. Donations may be made to Dalton Tennant Memorial Scholarship Fund and sent to Avery County Educational Foundation, 775 Cranberry Street, Newland, NC 28657. ****Ann Blazer's memorial service** was held Wednesday, May 8, 3 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of the Good Savior, in Dunedin, FL. A celebration of her life will be held this summer at our church. Bill's address is 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. Memorial gifts may be made to Crossnore Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 386, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Bob Schanzle** continues to recover for his cornea transplant. His address is: 1524 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****David Lydick**, Janis Kenyon's nephew, has had several heart attacks and recently was given six months to live. His mother passed away recently. ****Jim Taylor** continues his long recovery from a total knee replacement. His address is: 1592 Meadow Ave., Banner Elk, NC 28604. ****Daniel Coffey's grandmother, Dorothy Ward**, is under hospice care and struggles with pain. Daniel's address is: P.O. Box 1102, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. ****Susan Hartley**, daughter of Bob and Linda Taylor, is having health concerns. She enjoys cards! Her address is: P.O. Box 35, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****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. ****Please keep Judy Lily**, who is a friend of many in our congregation, as she receives treatment for cancer. Cards may be sent in care of Greg and Beth Gacek, 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Lorraine Alls** appreciates your prayers and cards. Her address is Apt. 208, 507 Linville Street, Newland, NC 28657. ****Mary Agnes Smith**, Rachel Deal's sister, is in the Banner Elk Life Care Center and enjoys visits. Her address is Life Care of Banner Elk, P.O. Box 2199, Banner Elk, NC 28604.