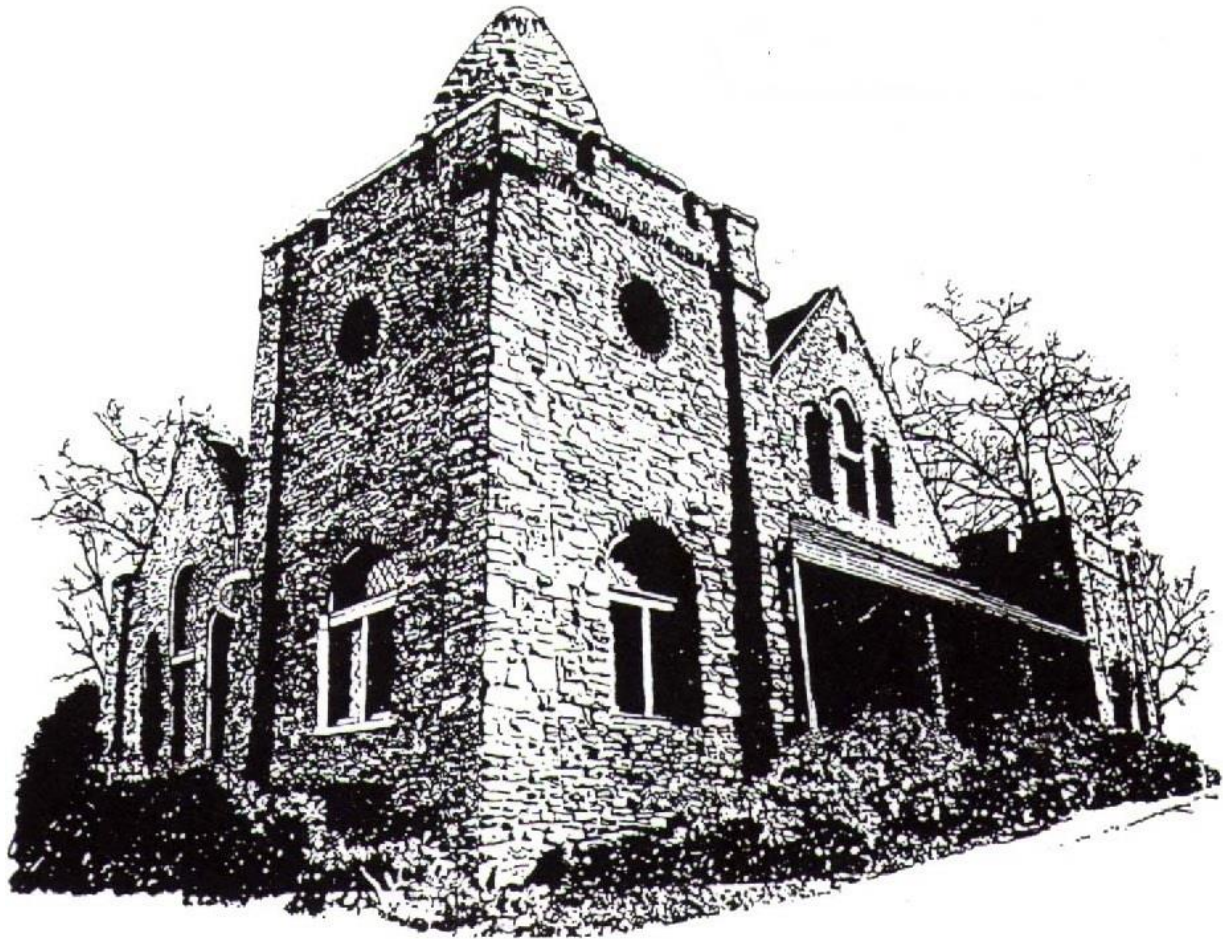


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 18, 2019
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

arr. by Marilyn Ham

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 20 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*, in Songs of Worship

HEARN

***Call to Worship:**

Linda Berkley

Throughout all our lives God is with us.

Praise be to God for God's mercy and love.

Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God's presence is near.

When we don't know which way to go, God will guide and lead us.

Open your hearts today to God's gentle leading.

We open our lives to God, that we may faithfully worship and serve God all our days.

Hymn of Praise # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Call to Confession:

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of Compassion, we turn toward you now. We rend our hearts. Forgive our pride and forgive our insecurities. Forgive our self-absorption and forgive our self-destruction. Forgive our doubts and forgive our confidence. Forgive our longing for attention and forgive our desire to hide. Forgive each step we take away from you (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven; we have been made new people.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

GIVE THANKS

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Ephesians 4:25- 5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Choir Anthem: *O Lord, Most Holy (Panis Angelicus)*

Mel Wilhite, Soloist

based on Latin hymn, music by Cesar Frank and by Hal H. Hopson

Second Lesson: Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the

other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Sermon: "Lessons in Friendship"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (written by Rev. David Ingis):**

We are God's work of art—each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

We are God's handiwork—woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

We are the church of Jesus Christ—diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We are the Body of Christ— living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.

We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about.

We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us. *We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.*

Hymn of Meditation # 697 *Take My Life and Let it Be

HENDON

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *It is Well with My Soul*

based on VILLE DU HAVRE, by Phillip P. Bliss, arr. by Bethany McDonald

Doxology # 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD

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

Lord, we thank for Your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you these offerings today as we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please take these gifts and use them for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiple their reach and influence we pray. May these offerings be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # *Closing Hymn # 765 *May the God of Hope God Go with Us (sing twice)

ARGENTINA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Come Thou Fount of Many Blessings based on NETTLETON from Wyeth's "Repository of Sacred Music"

Serving us today —Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson;
Soloist: Mel Wilhite; Liturgist: Linda Berkley

Announcements

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning. We hope that you experience God's presence in this time of worship and fellowship. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship following worship.

Pastor Kathy is offering a membership class on Governance next Sunday, August 25, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. in The Fellowship Hall conference room. These classes are for you if you are interested in becoming an active or affiliate member or just want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church. New Members will join on Sunday, September 8. If you are interested and have not been able to attend the classes, please contact Pastor Kathy, 828-260-2512.

Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m.— “An Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing” led by Maggie Lauterer and accompanied by Kathy Hutcheson. Our second annual hymn sing is sure to bring back memories from days gone by. Join us for a wonderful evening of singing and fellowship.

Sunday, August 25— Ulysses Long will be providing special music throughout our 11 a.m. worship service. Ulysses Long is an accomplished professional vocal soloist who performs year-round across North Carolina at various venues including weddings, worship, evening and special events. He has an eclectic background in his choice of music and loves to sing gospel. He made it to the top 47 acts in America's Got Talent in Season 7. You can find him on Facebook.

Our next potluck will be held after worship next Sunday, August 25.

The next Session meeting is September 8 following worship.

1st Tuesday of the month

The next Men's Breakfast will be at Kaye's Kitchen at 8:00 a.m. on September 3.

Wednesdays

* **Knitting Group 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. The knitting group knits hats and scarves for the homeless.

* **Bible Study 3 to 4:30 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently focusing on the Origins of the Old Testament. Come share, learn and grow in faith.

* **Choir Practice 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.**, in the Sanctuary.

Thursdays

Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Our next dates are August 22, September 12 & 26. Please join us. It is a very special time.

Our Women's Gathering group meets monthly and the September gathering TBA. All women are welcome. Please come and join us.

Fridays – Feeding Avery Families is looking for volunteers on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. They are located next to Carolina BBQ in Newland.

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

Marion Blue's daughters would like to rent Marion's house in Crossnore to a retired couple or single person. The house is furnished and will rent for \$650 a month. If you know someone who is interested, please call the Karen Blue at 704-804-2701 or email at blue6248@bellsouth.net.

OUR ELDERS

Class of 2019: Charlie Sims

Class of 2020: Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley

Class of 2021: Charlotte Davila, Janis Kenyon (Clerk of Session), Mimi Sloop, George Riggsbee

Ashlyn DeWitt: Administrative Assistant

Kathy Hutcheson: Director of Music

Barbara Ross: Voluntary Church Administrator

Attendance:79

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Prayers and Thanksgivings

****Carroll Berkley** is having hernia surgery at Duke Hospital on August 23. His address is 241 A Silver Springs Dr., Banner Elk, NC 28604. ****Please keep Charlie Stuart** in your prayers as he prepares for surgery on September 3. He will be having 3 vertebrae in his neck fused. His address is 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804. ****Zack Allen's daughter, Sidney Allen**, passed away on Saturday, August 3. Please keep Zack and Maggie and their family in your prayers in their time of grief. Their address is: P.O. Box 57, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Frank Duncan** has started chemo treatments for his cancer that has returned. His address is P.O. Box 729, Newland, NC 28657. ****Betty Redman France** had a pacemaker put in and is home recovering and doing well. Her address is: 108 Lower Grouse Ridge Road, Beech Mountain, NC 28604. ****Victoria Rodriguez** changed doctors after finding out the former doctor was giving her the wrong chemo treatment. She loves her new doctor and will start her new chemo treatments on August 21. Her address is 3620 SW 122nd Ct., Miami, FL 33175. ****Barbara Stuart** had surgery and is back home recovering. Her address is: 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804. ****Charlotte Davila's granddaughter, Ryan Watts**, is going through a difficult time but is doing a little better. Charlotte's address is P.O. Box 38, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Bill Blazer's brother, Ed Blazer**, fell and broke his hip, had successful surgery, and is getting physical therapy. Ed's address is 814 Madison Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27103-3747. ****Don Huston** is healing but still a long way to go. Don and Dottie's address is 8467 SW 84th Loop, Ocala, FL 34481. ****Martha Hutcheson**, Kathy Hutcheson's sister, is home and continues to heal. Her address is: P.O. Box 146, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Frances Magruder** has returned to Texas at MD Anderson Cancer Center to continue receiving her treatment. She is able to come back home for short periods. Her address is P.O. Box 154, Linville, NC 28646-0154. ****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. ****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