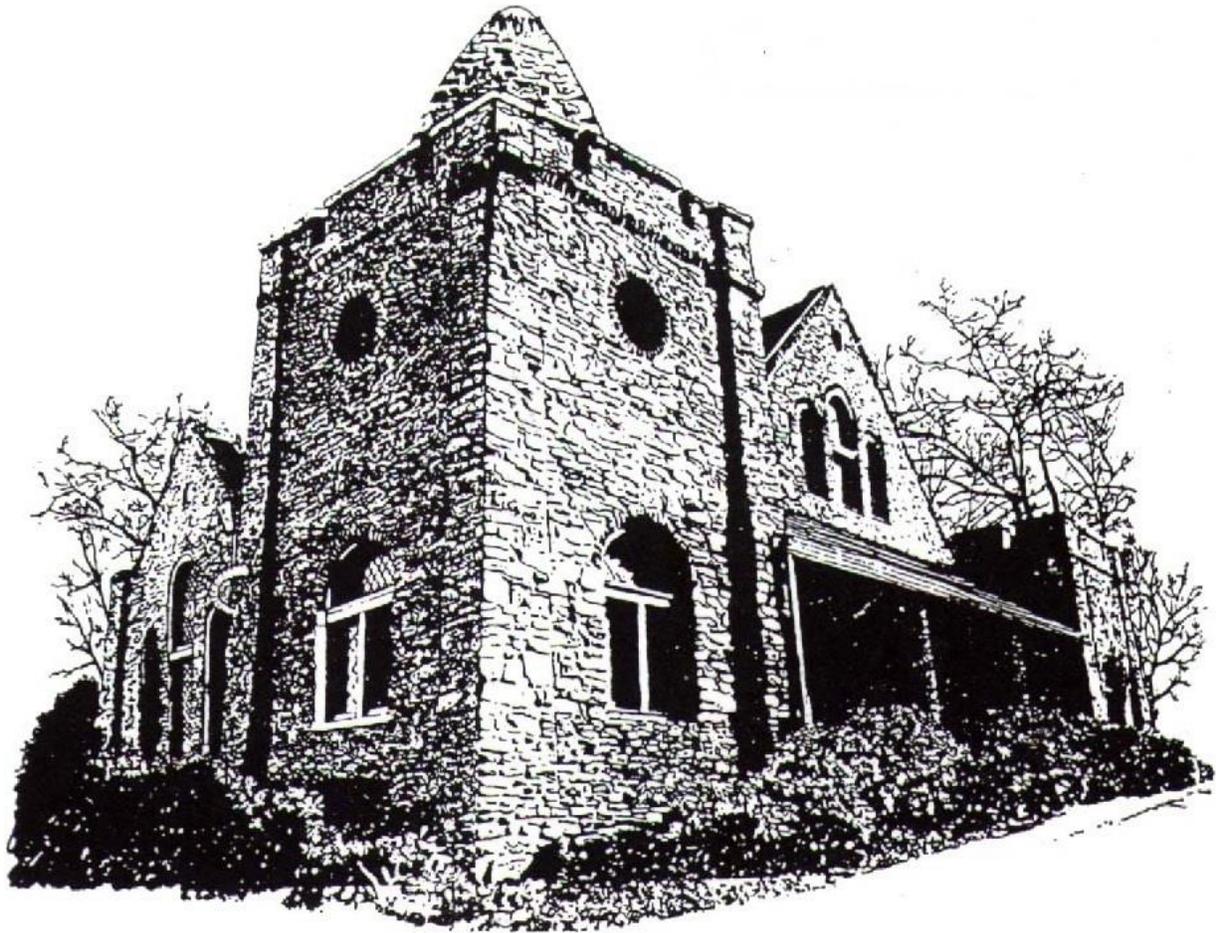


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Love Medley*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

arr. by Marilyn Ham

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 4 in Songs of Worship *Spirit Song*

words and music by John Wimber

***Call to Worship:**

Charlotte Davila

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger that haunts us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

of the worry, sadness, or grief that has filled us since the last time we gathered in your presence.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us embrace . . .

the gift of your grace, your love and your life that fills us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us embrace . . .

the gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time of worship.

As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,

We are here and Jesus Christ is among us today. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn of Praise # 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God

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Call to Confession:

What are folks saying about us? Do they mention our kindness, or how hard we are on others; do they speak of our love, or about our selfishness? God invites us to follow Jesus and reflect him in our lives. Join me, as we confess how we have not done so.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All we need to do is open our mouths, God of Wisdom, to show that we give our tongues free rein. We claim we love others, but speak bitter words to them. We think we are good and gracious people, but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those we fear. We are quicker to speak of judgment for others, rather than being voices for justice.

But with your gracious mercy, tender-hearted God, you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of our tongues and transform them into whispers of peace and love. You can open our ears so that we can hear all that Jesus the Messiah has to share with us in these moments and all those to come (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Can we handle it – the good news; the fact that God’s grace can transform us; that God can teach us new songs; that God can fill us with hope and joy?

It is hard to believe, which may be why it is hard to accept it. But God loves us, God has mercy on us, God is with us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Response to God’s Grace and Mercy # 443 *There Is A Redeemer*

GREEN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-32

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.

Choir Anthem: *The Time for Turning*

words by Pamela Martin,
TUNE: SALLEY GARDENS, a traditional Irish melody
Arr. by Craig Courtney

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Sermon: “The Power of Words”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith, Sections 4, 5, & 6, *Glory to God Hymnal*, page 38**

Hymn of Meditation # 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory: *Speak, Lord, in the Stillness with
Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak***

arr. by Penny Rodriguez

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

OLD HUNDRETH

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

**Open our ears to the struggles around us;
open our voices to speak out for justice;
open our hearts to welcome the forgotten;
open our treasures so they may be used to care for all your children.
This we pray in the name of Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Jesus Shall Reign

based on DUKE STREET by John Hatton
arr. by Franklin Ritter

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 after the service.

Our September Mission Project is providing ½ month's salary for Rev. Jody Griffin, the Ecumenical Chaplain at the Avery Mitchell Correctional Center in Spruce Pine which houses over 800 inmates. Our goal is \$1,500. We have raised \$800 so far. Rev. Griffin receives no funding from the government; his salary is covered by congregations across the High Country. What a great honor to provide support for a ministry that is the face of Christ in a place that few of us ever enter. If you would like to make a donation, make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for Prison Ministry. For more information, contact Linda Berkley, 828-260-7591.

Dr. Karl Campbell, history professor at ASU, will be speaking this Tuesday, September 24, 7 p.m., at the Old Banner Elk Elementary School, directly across the street from Banner Elk Café. The title of his presentation is: "Debating Racism: A Historical Perspective." Should race be at the heart of our understanding of U.S. history and society or has our emphasis on racism gone too far? Dr. Campbell will talk about how we define race, how it has shaped our national consciousness, and how it is being used, and misused, in contemporary political debates. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Our 9th annual Chili Supper to raise funds for Crossnore Elementary School will be held on September 25, from 5-7 pm., at First Baptist Church fellowship hall, Crossnore. Every dollar donated will go to help children in need at Crossnore Elementary School. The chili and potato bar supper is sponsored by First Baptist Church, Crossnore; Crossnore Presbyterian Church; Fellowship Presbyterian Church; and Fletcher Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed at 3:30 p.m. on September 25 at the Crossnore Baptist Church fellowship hall. Please contact Linda Berkley, at 828-260-7591 if you can help. If you are not able to attend and want to make a donation, please make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for Crossnore Elementary School.

On Sunday, October 6, we will have a special 11:00 a.m. Worship Service featuring the Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory. The choir members will be joining us for our fall Potluck Luncheon in our fellowship hall. Meat will be provided as well as coffee, tea and water. As you consider which side dish or dessert to bring, keep in mind that we will have extra people at the luncheon.

There will be no Choir practice on Wednesday, September 25 or Wednesday, October 2. Choir warm-up will start at 9:00 a.m. on September 29. There will be no Choir Warm-up on Sunday, Oct 6. Our regular Wednesday practice will resume on October 9 at 5:00 p.m. with Sunday warm up at 9:40 a.m. on October 13.

1st Tuesday of the month

The next Men's Breakfast will be Tuesday, October 1, 9 a.m., at Kaye's Kitchen.

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. Pastor Kathy will be discussing the Song of Solomon. 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. 10:00 a.m. Please join us. It is a very special time. The next meeting is September 26.

Fridays – Feeding Avery Families really needs volunteers on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:45 to 4:00 p.m. They are located next to Carolina BBQ in Newland. This is our church's hands-on mission project.

Mark Your Calendar: The 6th Annual Avery County Hunger Walk, sponsored by Reaching Avery Ministries, will be held, Saturday, September 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Riverwalk in Newland. There will be food, music, inflatables, a bake sale and games for children along with the walk around the Riverwalk track. All proceeds will be used to assist local families through RAM's Rack Emergency Food Pantry. Go by the RAM's office to pick up a recruiter packet and collection envelopes and jars. For more information call Janet Millsaps, RAM Director, at 828.733.5127.

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: 58

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Prayers and Thanksgivings

Misty Johnson, our bookkeeper, is at Baptist hospital with blood clots in her lungs. Her home address: P. O. Box 351, Pineola, NC 28662. **Please keep **Charlie Stuart** in your prayers as he recovers from surgery this past Monday. He had three vertebrae in his neck fused. His address is 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804. ****Marilyn Gascho** is doing well after eye surgery. Her address is: 433 Old Chestnut Mountain Road, Newland, NC 28657. ****Rick and Susan Crawford** welcome their new grandson, **Beckett Samuel Crawford**, born on September 5. Their address is 3825 Adina Drive, Bartlett, TN 38125. ****Daniel Coffey's mother-in-law, Dana**, is recovering from an emergency appendectomy and is doing well. Daniel's address is: P.O. Box 1102, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. ****Victoria Rodriguez** is not able to begin her new chemo treatments currently due to low blood count. Her address is 3620 SW 122nd Ct., Miami, FL 33175. ****Frank Duncan** has started chemo treatments for his cancer that has returned. His address is P.O. Box 729, Newland, NC 28657. ****Susan Hartley**, daughter of Bob and Linda Taylor, continues to have health concerns. She enjoys cards! Her address is: P.O. Box 35, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****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. ****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. ****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 can come back home for short periods. Her address is P.O. Box 154, Linville, NC 28646-0154. **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

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