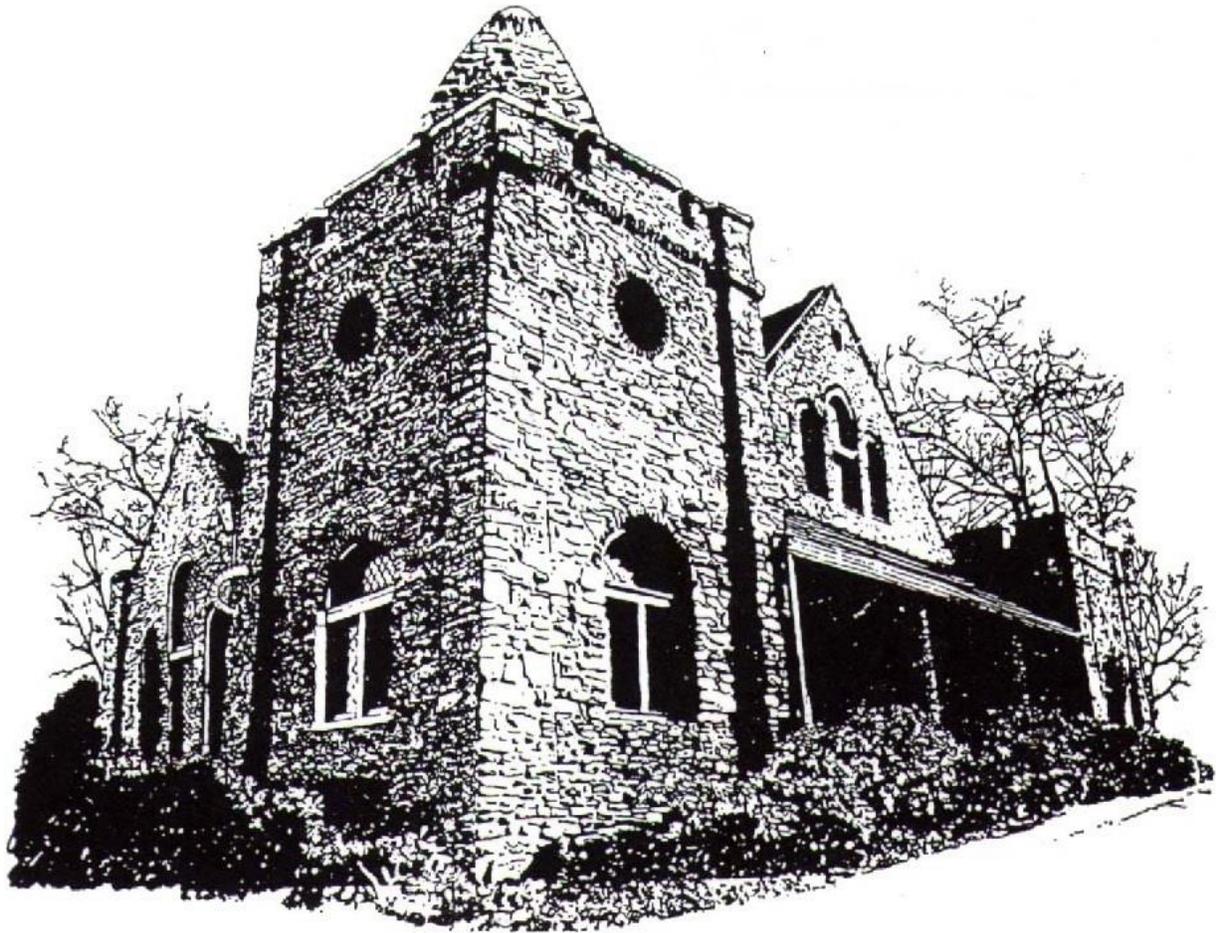


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 13, 2019
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *A Child of the King with I'd Rather Have Jesus*
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: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
Zack Allen and Rev. Maggie Lauterer

RESTORATION, words by Joseph Hart

*An Autumn Litany

Janis Kenyon

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary, and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise # 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King (vs 1-4)*

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Call to Confession:

As a mother does not forsake her nursing child, so God will not abandon us, even in our weakness. In the hope of this promise, we can show God all our faults, all our failures, all our wounds and bruises. That's why we come to confess, because we know that God will not turn us away.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, it's plain and simple: our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are different from your ways. Try as we may, we are unable to walk in perfect step with you. We put other things first: our social lives, our to-do lists, our addictions, our arrogance. And yet, you give us chance after chance to shape our thoughts and ways around you. Forgive us our misplaced priorities, O God. Shape our behavior and our lifestyles by the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ, that we might better follow you (moment of silent confession). In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Everyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Whatever was old is gone. New life has begun!

Through Christ, our relationship with God has been restored.

And our call is to restore our relationships with one another.

Friends, believe the Good News that comes from God: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

WAYFARING STRANGER

First Lesson: Psalm 104:2, 14-15, 19, 33-34

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Choir Anthem: *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

words by Charles Wesley
based on Psalm 150
music by Lani Smith

Second Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Sermon: "Spiritual Reflections on the Season of Autumn"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: The Brief Statement of Faith, Section 3, page 37, *Glory to God Hymnal

Gloria # 581 *Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Hymn of Meditation # 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Not Made with Hands*

Christian Harmony

Zack Allen and Rev. Maggie Lauterer

***Doxology # 608**

***Litany of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Lord, how can we remember all your creation in this offering? You have given us time and the seasons. You have given us families and friends. You have given us our family of the Church. Accept our offering of love.

You give us the wonder and marvel of summer with the warmth and fun of faith. You give us the color and change of autumn and cause us to see the need for change. You give us the cold and snow of winter with time for us to sit and think. You give us the new life and growth of springtime with the reminder of new life in Christ.

Creator God, Lord of the Universe, accept our gifts and our lives that the world and all people may praise your name.

Amen.

Closing Hymn # 37 *Let All Things Now Living

ASHGROVE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

based on AZMON by Carl G. Gläser
arr. by Donald Marsh

Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Directory of Music: Kathy Hutcheson
Special Music: Zack Allen & Maggie Lauterer; Liturgist: Janis Kenyon

We warmly welcome you 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.

Last Sunday, World Communion Sunday, was a very special time for us. The Stone's Throw, a Celtic Trio, provided music at the beginning and end of worship. The First Presbyterian Church Choir from Hickory shared their music during our worship service, singing songs from several traditions and cultures. Worship was followed by our Fall Potluck Luncheon. The food was abundant and delicious. The fellowship we shared with the Hickory choir and Stone's Throw was enriching and fulfilling. Around 120 people shared in worship and lunch and left filled with food for the body and soul!

Thank you to all who helped make World Communion Sunday so wonderful. A special thank you to Sally Wilhite and Mimi Sloop for setting up and organizing the potluck. Thanks to Jan and Richard Akelewicz who arranged all the flowers for the tables and to Bob Taylor and Richard Akelewicz for doing the hard work of cleaning up.

Mayland Fellowship will meet today, October 13, at Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church, Highway 226 South, 167 Greenlee Lane, Spruce Pine, NC 28777. 5:30 p.m.- Dinner; 6:30 p.m.- Meeting; 7:00 p.m.- Tribute to Rev. Bobbi White as she retires from being our Presbytery Executive.

The CPC Women's group will meet on October 17 at 4:00 p.m. They will gather at Charlotte Davila's house. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. Contact Bonnie Vuolo for directions, bbhiker89@gmail.com

We will have guest musicians on Sunday, October 27, during worship. Ron and Minnie Powell from Spruce Pine will share their gift of Mountain Americana music singing and playing a variety of mountain instruments. Pastor Kathy invites all those who want to share in lunch after worship and coffee fellowship to join her at Puerto Nuevo in Banner Elk.

Feeding Avery Families is our Friday hands-on weekly service project. Many of our members who volunteered this summer have left for Florida. Volunteers are needed to help with the Fall and Winter seasons when families and individuals continue to need extra help with food. Every Friday, volunteers serve those in need at the Feeding Avery Families location in downtown Newland next to Carolina BBQ. You can volunteer in the morning from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or in the afternoon from 12:45 to 4:00 p.m.

The Western NC Presbytery is sponsoring a Disaster Assistance Trip to Wilmington, NC, November 3-9. If you would like to participate, please talk to Pastor Kathy.

We are running very low on cookies and snacks for Sunday Coffee Fellowship and Wednesday Bible Study. If you would like donate cookies or snacks please drop them by the kitchen!

1st Tuesday of the month

The next Men's Breakfast will be this Tuesday, November 5, 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 Proverbs. Come share, learn and grow in faith.

* Choir Practice 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

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.

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.

Updates on Summer/Fall mission projects: October 13, 2019

Our 9th annual Chili Supper to raise funds for Crossnore Elementary School was held September 25. Donations surpassed our goal by \$ 500, totaling \$4000. Every dollar donated is going to help children in need at Crossnore Elementary School. The chili and potato bar supper was sponsored by First Baptist Church, Crossnore, Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Presbyterian Church, and Fletcher Presbyterian Church.

Thanks to all who donated to our September Mission Project of 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. We raised \$2,000, \$500 beyond our goal. Rev. Griffin receives no funding from the government; his salary is covered by congregations across the High Country. What a great honor to support a ministry that is the face of Christ in a place that few of us ever enter.

Military Bible Sticks Summer Mission Project is complete. We raised \$1,575 which provides 64 active service members and their families with an MP3 player of the New Testament and selected Psalms. Due to an anonymous donor from Faith Comes by Hearing, the ministry that sponsors the Military Bible Sticks, our donation has been doubled. The total amount comes to \$3,150 and the total number of Bible Sticks donated comes to 126.

Prayers and Thanksgivings October 6, 2019

Rachel Harris, Laura Lind's brother's wife, is in a rehab center after a fall causing bleeding on the brain which has created several complications. Please keep her and the family in your prayers. Laura Lind's address is 3334 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **Joanna Campbell** passed her orals and is now an official PhD Candidate in Chemistry. Her address is: 12303 Drew Hill Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. **Misty Johnson**, our bookkeeper, is at back home and doing well after being hospitalized with blood clots. Her home address: P. O. Box 351, Pineola, NC 28662. **Please keep **Charlie Stuart** in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. He had three vertebrae in his neck fused. His address is 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804. ****Marilyn Gascho** had a scratch on her eye lens after eye surgery and is waiting for her eye to heal. 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 will be having gall bladder surgery. Daniel's address is: P.O. Box 1102, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. ****Victoria Rodriguez's** blood levels have returned to normal. 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 it 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

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: 113

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