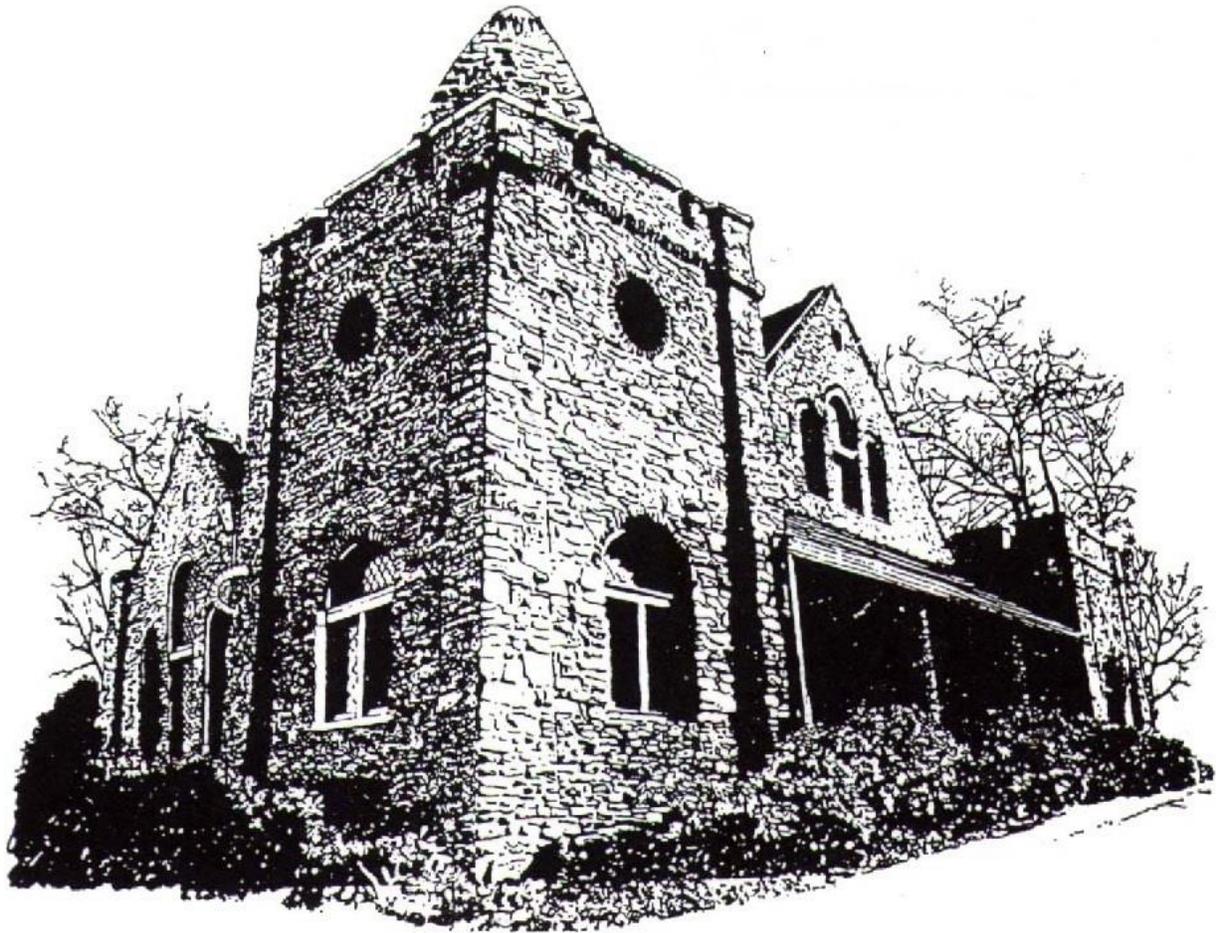


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 20, 2019

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*

based on SLANE, an ancient Irish melody
arr. by Teresa Patterson Wilhelm

**Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

Call to Worship:

We gather here in anticipation, seeking an encounter with our Holy God,
who comes among us when we least expect it,
who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

Let's worship God together!

Hymn of Praise # 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, without saying a word, you know who I am. But, you ask me to speak, to honestly confess who I am. I confess that some days I deny the genius that you have placed within me. I settle for mediocrity and avoid the responsibilities of greatness. I confess that other days I ignore Christ within me and practice ungodliness. I confess that in past times I have answered to names that were out of character for children of God. Today, I confess that I am who you made me to be: holy, righteous, just, loving and kind (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The same God who demands honest confession provides complete forgiveness. Let us receive God's forgiveness today.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

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

WAYFARING STRANGER

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Choir Anthem: Lord, Come Reign!

words & music by Nancy Gordon
arr. by Jimbo Stevens

Second Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Sermon: "Wrestling with Our Identity"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith, page 37, Section 1 and 2, *Glory to God Hymnal

Gloria # 581 *Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 519 *You Are My Strength When I am Weak

JERNIGAN

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Give Me Jesus*

based on a traditional spiritual

arr. by John Purifoy

PRAISE GOD (Hobson)

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

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow: praise Christ all people here below:

praise Holy Spirit evermore: praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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

Holy God, source of all good things, you have blessed your children with many gifts, and each of us can serve and help build your kingdom here on earth. As we ask you to dedicate our tithes and offerings today, we remind ourselves that you seek not only that we open our wallets but open our hearts and our whole being to the work of making your love and compassion the norm, not the exception in this world. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude: Standin' in the Need of Prayer**

an African American spiritual

arr. by Gail Smith

Prayers and Thanksgivings

****Congratulations to Doug and Mary Noble** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Ember Ruth Noble** on October 5th at 3:06 am. She is beautiful and perfect. Their address is 2708 Land Harbor, Newland, NC, 28657. ****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. ***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. ****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 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

Announcements

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.

The Wednesday Knitting Group delivered 70 hand knitted items, including hats and scarves to the Hospitality House in Boone on Wednesday, October 16. Each piece is unique and original, just like those who are residents of Hospitality House. A big thank you goes out to our knitters: Janis Kenyon, Nancy Coleman, Jonnie McBryde, Penny McRae, Pépe Abrusci, Linnie Trettin, and Linda Drivas.

There will be a Presbytery meeting at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville on Saturday, October 26.

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.. Ron and Minnie have been together for over 40 years, and for much of that time have been performing, both as a duo and with various local bands. Ron began playing guitar and singing in the early seventies in Orlando, Florida where he was raised. He had visited Yancey County in 1961 and never forgot the music he heard at the Square Dance Hall in Pensacola. After living in Boone and Chapel Hill for a couple of years, he finally returned to Yancey County in 1974 and began playing and singing with local musicians and has never stopped. In 1977, he married Minnie, a local girl who had returned to the mountains of Yancey County after having moved away as a child. Ron began encouraging Minnie to perform publicly after hearing her sing ballads and lullabies to their daughters.

They have also performed together at the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville in various productions, including several original musicals. They have been regulars at the Yancey County Crafts Fair for years and also perform at local fundraisers, charity benefits, and church functions. Although they have both pursued other careers - Ron as a former teacher, soccer coach and now general contractor, and Minnie as a full-time paralegal - music remains an integral part of their lives, and something they plan on doing forever.

Pastor Kathy invites all those who want to share in lunch after worship and coffee fellowship on Sunday October 27, to join her at Puerto Nuevo in Banner Elk

We received a thank you card from the First Presbyterian Church Choir this week signed by all the choir members. They expressed gratitude for the wonderful worship service and our hospitality as well as the fellowship and food.

Our November Mission Project is to provide Thanksgiving baskets for needy individuals and families in our county selected by Volunteer Avery and .for our own homebound. We include a \$100 Ingles grocery card along with

toiletries, socks, and some homemade goodies. Please consider donating to this effort or even sponsoring one Thanksgiving Basket. You can make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for a Thanksgiving basket. Thanks for caring and sharing!

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

Regularly Scheduled Events

1st Tuesday of the month

The next Men's Breakfast will be this Tuesday, November 5, 9 a.m., at Kaye's Kitchen.

Wednesdays

* **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. 10:30 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.

Crossnore Presbyterian Volunteers Needed! – Fall 2019



As we begin the Fall Season and many of our church family members head south, we need some extra help as we care for our building and grounds, our ministry, and our community. Please look at the list below and see where you can help for a week or longer. Contact the person listed for each volunteer opportunity. Thank you!

- **Serve as a Docent on Friday mornings or afternoons in November to enable us to keep the church sanctuary open when the church office is closed.** Contact George Riggsbee: 828-733-0285.
- **Blow leaves off main porch, sidewalk and Jacob's ladder on Saturdays through November.** Contact Charlotte Davila: 828-733-9591.
- **Blow leaves off the upper and lower parking lots before Sunday, each week through November.** Contact Charlotte Davila: 828-733-9591.
- **Serve as Coffee Fellowship Host after worship on Sundays- make the coffee, set out cups and cookies, and clean-up afterwards.** Contact Pastor Kathy (call or text): 828-260-2512.
- **Tidy up the church sanctuary after worship on Sunday mornings- straighten hymnals, collect bulletins, tear off the top page of the Friendship Register and put the sheets under Pastor Kathy's office door, check to make sure the candles are out, and the offering plates have been taken to the church office.** Contact Pastor Kathy (call or text): 828-260-2512.
- **Be the Mission Representative for our church's monthly "Food for People and Pets" and "Five Cents a Meal Offering"- announce a week ahead with list of needed groceries, publicize in midweek news and bulletin, collect donated food and deliver to Volunteer Avery (in the back of the Avery County Senior Center).** Contact Linda Berkley (call or text): 828-260-7591.
- **Volunteer at Feeding Avery Families on Fridays, 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.- 4 p.m.** FAF is located next to Carolina BBQ in downtown Newland. Contact Linda Berkley (call or text): 828-260-7591.
- **Fold bulletin and sermon and stuff into envelopes to send to our homebound members – 1-2 hours on Tuesday afternoons.** Contact the church office: 828-733-7939.
- **Water indoor plants and check table flowers (if needed) in the fellowship hall each week.** Contact church office: Contact the church office: 828-733-7939.
- **Help with large mailings (Church Directory, Advent devotions, and Christmas Card mailings).** Contact the church office: 828-733-7939.