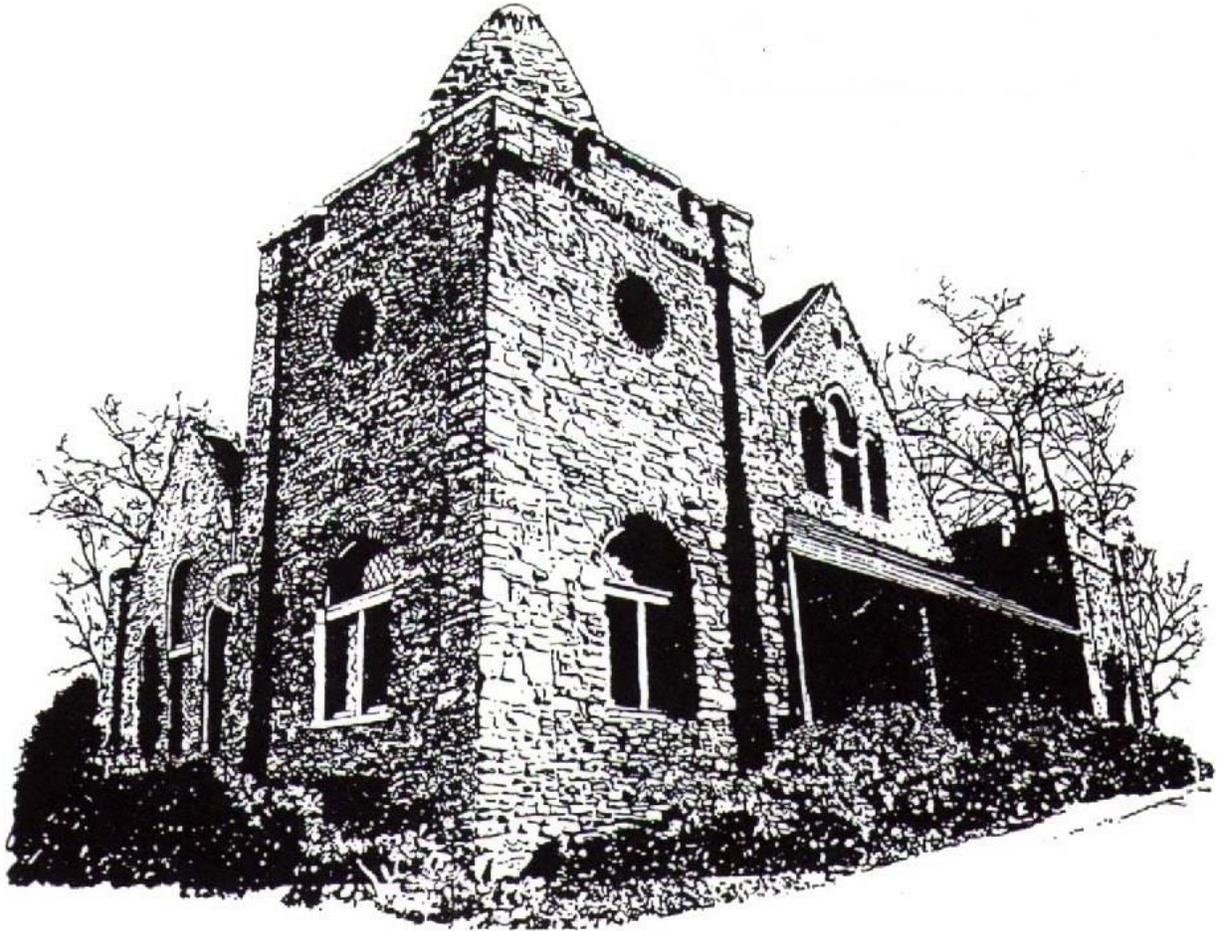


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *For the Fruit of All Creation*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

based on ARHYD NOS, a Welsh melody, arr. by Jane Holstein

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 100:4-5):

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving!

Enter God's gates with praise!

Give thanks to God!

Bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness endures to all generations.

Come, let us worship God, all generations, all peoples, all families, as the body of Christ.

Hymn of Praise # 643 *Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Call to Confession:

The One who showers earth with rain, who places the stars in the autumn sky, is the same One who wraps mercy tight around us, who feeds us on healing and hope. Let us confess how our worries keep us from trusting the God who hears us and restores us to new life. Please join me as we pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, who is always present in our lives, whether we realize it or not, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Though hosts encamp around us, uttering messages of fear and dread, we place our trust and hope in God who lavishly provides for us and who calls each of us beloved.

We rejoice, for God is with us.

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

GIVE THANKS

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 95:1-7a

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Choir Anthem: *With Lifted Hands and Grateful Hearts*

words & music setting by Mary Kay Beall

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Sermon: "Good News"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith:**

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people
and shared human needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.**

**He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people.**

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

**In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment
under which all people stand convicted.**

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

**The victim of sin became victor,
and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

(Confession of 1967, 9.08)

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 # 661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

A Litany of Thanksgiving (bulletin insert)

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *The Beauty of My Father's World*

arr. by Nancy L. Smith

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

PRAISE GOD (Hobson)

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:**

**Our tables groan with too much food, so may our gifts feed the hungry; we welcome family into our homes,
so may we embrace the lonely; we sleep in warm beds at night, so may we shelter the homeless; we are
blessed with more than we need, so may our gifts fill the emptiness of our sisters and brothers in need. In
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 547 *Come, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *He Has Made Me Glad

based on music by Leona Von Brethorst, arr. by Fred Bock

Thanksgiving Litany of Gratitude

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year,
We give you our thanks.

For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests,
coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings,
for health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,
for needs met and desires fulfilled,

We give you our thanks.

For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,
for homes which supply shelter, which nurture
order and beauty, and offer hospitality,

We give you our thanks.

With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven,
with enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,
with music which declares your everlasting goodness,
with prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

We worship you with joy.

With creative pursuits that share our God-given talents,
with words that honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,
with time volunteered and dedicated to service in our church and community,
with a life time committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

We worship you with joy.

With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves,
with deeds done to care for neighbor and stranger,
with holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace,
with family and friends distant and nearby,

We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit. Alleluia. Amen.

Good News!

Our Church has received the 2019 grant from the Stafford Family Trust for \$21,000! These funds will be used to help cover part of the expenses when a decision is made about our sanctuary roof. The Stafford Family Trust has been providing grant funds for the past nine years that have helped us restore the sanctuary windows, install a new drainage system, waterproof the sanctuary roof, repair roof dormers, clean and seal the roof and exterior rock walls, replace the floor under the organ and piano, pave a portion of the parking lot, provide funds for our Guatemala scholarship program, and cover the cost of an ASU graduate student intern to provide valuable research for our church's centennial. Once the sanctuary roof is repaired or replaced, there are trust funds in reserve to pay for new carpeting in the sanctuary. We are so deeply grateful for the continuing support from this trust and for their investment in our future ministry and mission.

Some background—the Stafford Family Trust was established by Ivan and Melba Stafford. Ivan Stafford came to Crossnore School to teach after graduating from Davidson College. He met and married Mable Stroupe, a colleague, who was the older sister of Dr. Mary Martin Sloop's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Sloop. After serving in the US Navy during WW11, Ivan earned a doctoral degree and Melba earned a master's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. Ivan taught and served as Vice President of Lees-McRae College, Morris Harvey College, and Montreat Anderson College. Melba spent many years as the Principal of Crossnore Grammar School and later tutored children with reading disabilities. She retired as a highly regarded English teacher at Owens High School in Black Mountain, NC. Ivan climaxed a lifelong involvement in Scouting by working on the National Scout Executive Council. After 50 years of traveling life's highway together, Ivan and Melba died within a few days of one another and rest together with their family near the Crossnore Presbyterian Church they so loved.



Announcements

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 have collected \$2,400 so far and will be able to send out 24 baskets. We include a \$100 Ingles grocery card along with a bag full of gifts. Thanks for caring and sharing!

Pastor Kathy needs help preparing the Thanksgiving Baskets Thursday, November 21 beginning at 1 pm. Please call the church office 828-733-1939.

Sunday, November 24—We will collect food for people and pets. We are checking with Volunteer Avery to see if they have specific needs that we can fill. We will share that list as soon as we receive it.

The Thanksgiving Baskets will be ready to be picked up for delivery on Sunday, November 24. They need to be delivered before Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to help deliver the baskets, please call the church office 828-733-1939.

We will be stuffing envelopes to send out with the Advent Devotional on Wednesday, November 27, from 1-3 pm. We need a few volunteers to come and help!

We need a Volunteer to pick up Poinsettias from Ingles on Thursday, December 5. Please call the church office: 828-733-1939.

Saturday, December 7—We will prepare the sanctuary for Christmas, putting up the Chrismon tree, placing the poinsettias, and decorating with greenery. Please come and join us. It is a wonderful fellowship time. 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

CPC Women's Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, December 12, 12 noon, at Reid's Café in Tynecastle. Please make your reservation by Tuesday, December 10, for this festive time to enjoy a fabulous lunch and great fellowship. Just call the church office, 828-733-1939. In addition to sharing good cheer with each other, we are going to be "Santas for Seniors" which is being sponsored by WAMY. Please bring with you a small box or bag of Christmas gifts for an Avery County senior citizen who may be living at home, in a nursing home, or in hospice care. The best gifts are those that come from the heart: crossword puzzles, non-slip socks, lip balms, lotions, books, a lap blanket, winter apparel, packaged goodies...no flowers, soaps, or homemade foods. If you don't have time to shop, you can bring a check payable to WAMY Community Action and designate for "Santa for Seniors." Pastor Kathy will make sure that WAMY gets our gift bags and checks in time for their Christmas deliveries.

Sunday December 1—The order forms for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary will be available. TRADITIONALLY, DURING the Christmas season potted poinsettias are an important part of the decorations in our sanctuary. The poinsettias are provided by individuals who place them in honor or memory of loved ones, or to the glory of God. Following the last service of December (December 29), you may take your plant with you. Any remaining plants will be taken to shut-ins. The order forms will be available beginning December 1. Each plant is \$10.00. The deadline to order poinsettias will be Sunday, December 15.

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—5:30 p.m.

Regularly Scheduled Events

1st Tuesday of the month

***The next Men's Breakfast** will be Tuesday, December 3, 9 a.m.. Location to be announced.

Wednesdays

*** Bible Study 3 to 4:30 p.m.,** in the Fellowship Hall. **Pastor Kathy will be discussing Ecclesiastes.** Come share, learn and grow in faith.

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. You can sign up on their Facebook page or just show up.

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Nicholas (Cole) Gretz, the grandson of Birte and Jack Hogan, is out of ICU and in a regular hospital room and still needs our prayers as he battles with cancer. Birte and Jack's address is 2784 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657, and cards can be sent to Nicholas and his family in care of his parents, Raymond and Gayle Gretz, 352 Marba Road, Severna, MD 21146-2016. ****Ashlyn DeWitt** has received a diagnosis of a Non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The prognosis is excellent. She will begin Chemo treatments on Dec. 16. Jason and Ashlyn are encouraged and positive and would appreciate any prayers and support that will help them trust in God and find joy and laughter as they face this journey. Their address is 1911 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****James, Betty France's son**, passed away on October 29 after a brief illness. Betty and Fred are back home. Betty and Fred's address is 108 Lower Grouse Ridge Road, Beech Mountain, NC 28604. ****Please remember Pastor Kathy's sister, Karen Phillips**, as she recovers from surgery for her anemia. Her address is 1816 N. 111th St, Omaha, NE 68154. ****Please keep the family of Victoria Rodriguez** in your prayers in this time of grief. **Victoria** passed away on Friday, October 18, after a long battle with cancer. No funeral arrangements at this time. Cards may be sent to the family in care of her daughter, Natalia Jarquin, 1500 SW 101 Avenue, Miami, FL 33174. ****Frank Duncan** wanted to share some good news with us. His cancer tumor has shrunk by 65% and he will continue his treatments. Frank's address is 820 S. Oak Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830. **Alberta Duncan** cracked her femur and is receiving physical therapy at the Life Care Center in Banner Elk. ****Burl Duncan** is having test run for his anemia. ****Clifford Rose, Alberta Duncan's brother**, is being treated for brain cancer. Burl and Alberta's address is P.O. Box 910, Linville, NC 28646. ****Tom Tessin, Jenny Duncan's brother**, lost his job due to his hearing issues, but he doesn't meet the requirements for disability; he is praying for short-term unemployment until he can find another job. Jenny is a part of our church family as a long-distance member and a dear friend of Pastor Kathy's. Her address is 1302 Cornerstone Court, Essexville, MI 48732. ****Rachel Harris, Laura Lind's brother's wife**, is home and continues to recover from her stroke. Please keep her and the family in your prayers. Laura Lind's address is 3334 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Marilyn Gascho** is preparing for her next eye surgery on Nov. 18. Her address is 433 Old Chestnut Mountain Road, 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. ****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. ****Judy Lilly**, a friend of many in our congregation, passed away on Saturday, November 2, after a long battle with cancer. Please keep her friends and family in your prayers. ****Lorraine Ails** 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:34

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Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there.

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