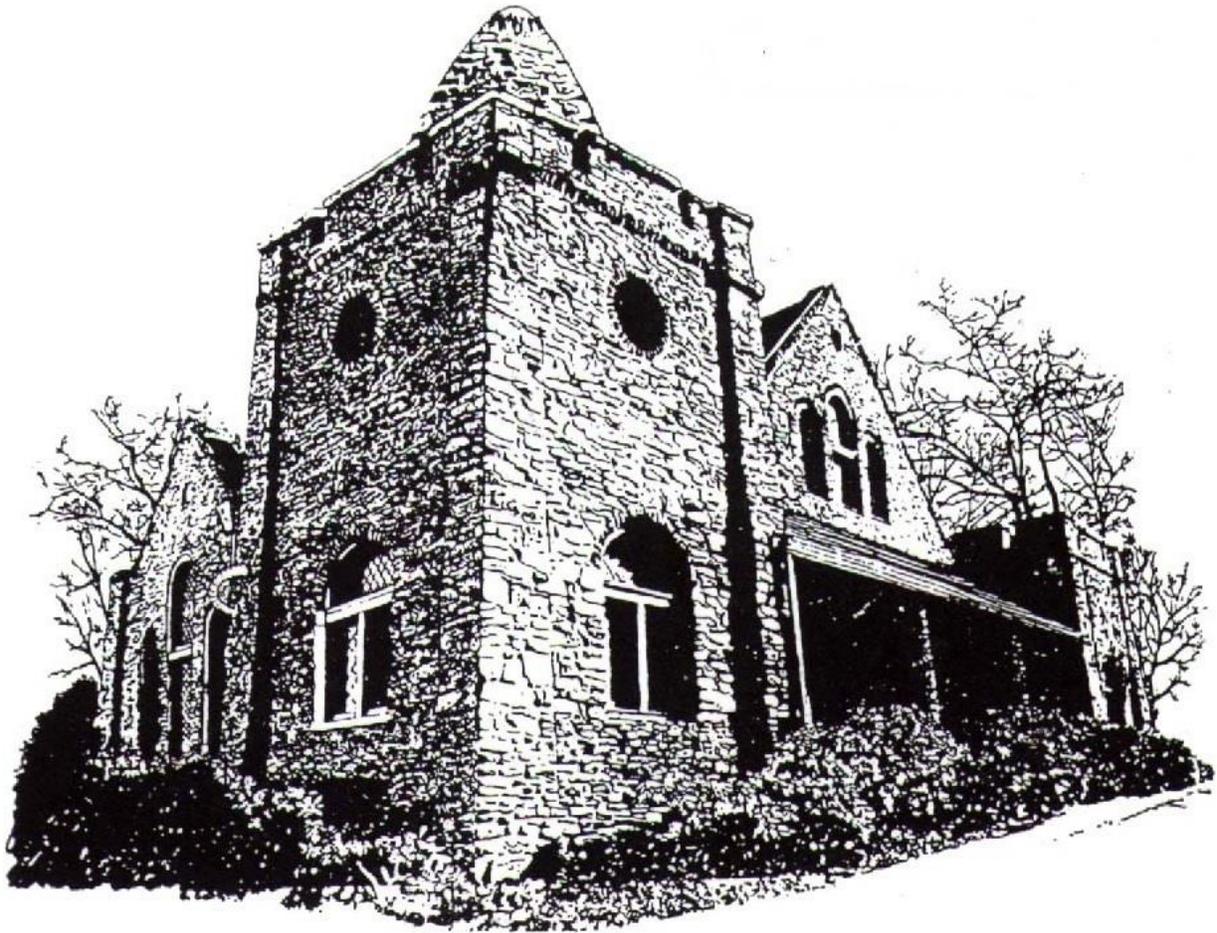


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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:**

Bonnie Vuolo

Come, people of God! With open hearts and open hands, let us worship!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

We come, declaring our allegiance to Christ, praising our Lord with a loud voice.

We come, seeking God's way and committing ourselves to Christ's path.

We come, longing for the peace and justice of the Kingdom of God.

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!**

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

God's future is on its way, the kingdom is at hand, and God's vision of hope is true!

Come, people of God! Let us worship!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice!

The Spirit is moving in this place, creating and re-creating the Body of Christ.

We come, eager to be transformed into citizens of God's kingdom!

Let all the people say: **Amen!**

Hymn of Praise # 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

Call to Confession:

We know that we have not lived as God hopes. But however fragmented we become, God longs to hold us together in grace and peace. Let us come with our prayers of confession and need to the One who prepares the way for our words.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

In these moments, God of Grace, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:

we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive;

we cast our lots with those who worship power and success;

we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us;

we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle.

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for the ways we sinned against you, others, and even ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope (a moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the good news: God remembers not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Alleluia! Amen!

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

GIVE THANKS

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Choir Anthem: *With Lifted Hands and Grateful Hearts*

words & music setting by Mary Kay Beall

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Sermon: "What Kind of King Do We Want?"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: A Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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 # 3 (Songs of Worship) *Wonderful Merciful Savior words & music by Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

Prayers of the People

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:**

Dear God of our salvation, we rejoice in your steadfast love. You lead us by your Holy Spirit in paths of righteousness and peace. Draw us closer to you and teach us your way. May our thankfulness overflow in generosity to friends, neighbors, and strangers. Extend the reach of our congregation so that our offerings will help others learn of your grace and goodness. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 25:1-10)

THE SENDING

*Closing Hymn # 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVIN GROVE

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: *He Has Made Me Glad*

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

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 a birthday celebration in the fellowship hall following worship. **We are celebrating Rachel Deal's 90th birthday, which will be on November 28.**

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal last Sunday following worship. Thanks to all who made it happen. Special thanks to Charlotte Davila and Sally Wilhite for organizing, cooking the turkeys and overseeing everything and to Marilyn Gascho for decorating the tables!

Our November Mission Project has been very successful. We have collected over \$3,200 and will be sending out 32 Thanksgiving baskets for needy individuals and families in our county and for our own homebound. Thanks for caring and sharing! **The Thanksgiving Baskets will be ready to be picked up on Sunday. They need to be delivered before Thanksgiving Day.**

Order forms for poinsettias are inserted in your bulletin. The poinsettias are a beautiful part of our sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas Season. The poinsettias are provided by members of our church family who place them in honor or memory of loved ones or to the glory of God. Each plant is \$10. The deadline to order a poinsettia is Sunday, December 15.

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet for the next two weeks and will resume on Wednesday, December 11, 3-4:30 p.m., to finish our study on Ecclesiastes.

Tuesday, December 3, the CPC Men's Breakfast Group will meet at Kay's Kitchen at 9 a.m.

Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.- 12 noon, we will be preparing the sanctuary for Christmas by decorating the Chrismon Tree, placing the poinsettias, and decorating the sanctuary windows with candles and greenery. All are invited to this fun and festive time.

Thursday, December 12, 12:00 p.m., the CPC Women's Christmas Luncheon will be held at Reid's Café in Tynecastle. Please make your reservation by Tuesday, December 10, for this special 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 a program sponsored by WAMY. Please bring 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 designated 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 15, our Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be held following worship. Ham, coffee, lemonade, and tea will be provided. Folks are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Tuesday, December 24, our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be held in the sanctuary. Christmas Worship will be filled with special music, Christmas carols, guest musicians, scripture readings, Christmas stories, and prayers as we worship Christ, the babe born in Bethlehem, the Lord of all, and the Ruler over heaven and earth. **Every penny of our Christmas Eve offering will go to Volunteer Avery County (VAC)** which provides electricity, heat, medicine, food, clothing, rent, and more to the most financially needy in our county. VAC also recruits volunteers to repair homes and build handicap ramps.

Reaching Avery Ministry (Ram's Rack) needs volunteers to help with the Avery Project Christmas Store which will be set up in the First Baptist gym in Newland. If you help for a few hours any day from Monday, December 2, to Thursday, December 5, please call Janet Milsap, 828-733-5127, or email her at ramemergencyfood@bellsouth.net Christmas gifts will be provided to over 400 families in need.

New Opportunity School for Women will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, December 4, 1- 6 p.m., at the Stephenson Center on the campus of Lees-McRae College. NOSW is also sponsoring a Holiday Market with local artists and vendors on Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the Cannon Student Center, Lees-McRae College.

Please keep the following people in your prayers...

****Joe Todd's mother** passed away peacefully on November 14 at the age of 103. Her memorial service was held on November 18. Please keep Joe and his family in your prayers as they share in both grief and gratitude for her long and rich life. Joe's address is: 537 Hampton Road, Boone, NC 28607-7417. **** Joe Jordan** will be having surgery on his shoulder this Monday, November 25, and will not be able to wrestle for the next six months. Joe's address is: P.O. Box 523, Pineola, NC 28662-0523. ****Frances Magruder** is making preparations for her surgery on January 13 to replace her bladder. Her address is: P.O. Box 154, Linville, NC 28646. ****Marilyn Gascho** had her eye surgery on Nov. 18 and is at home recovering. Her address is 433 Old Chestnut Mountain Road, Newland, NC 28657. ****Nicholas (Cole) Gretz, the grandson of Birte and Jack Hogan,** is undergoing intensive chemo and still needs our prayers as he battles leukemia. 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, Serverna, 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. ****Tom Tessin, Jenny Duncan's brother,** lost his job because of his hearing issues, but due to his former employer's errors, he was denied unemployment and is appealing. 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. ****Alberta Duncan** cracked her femur and is receiving physical therapy at the Life Care Center in Banner Elk. ****Burl Duncan** is having tests 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. ****Rachel Harris, Laura Lind's brother's wife,** is home and continues to recover from her stroke. Laura Lind's address is 3334 Land Harbor, 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 ****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: 42

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Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there.

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