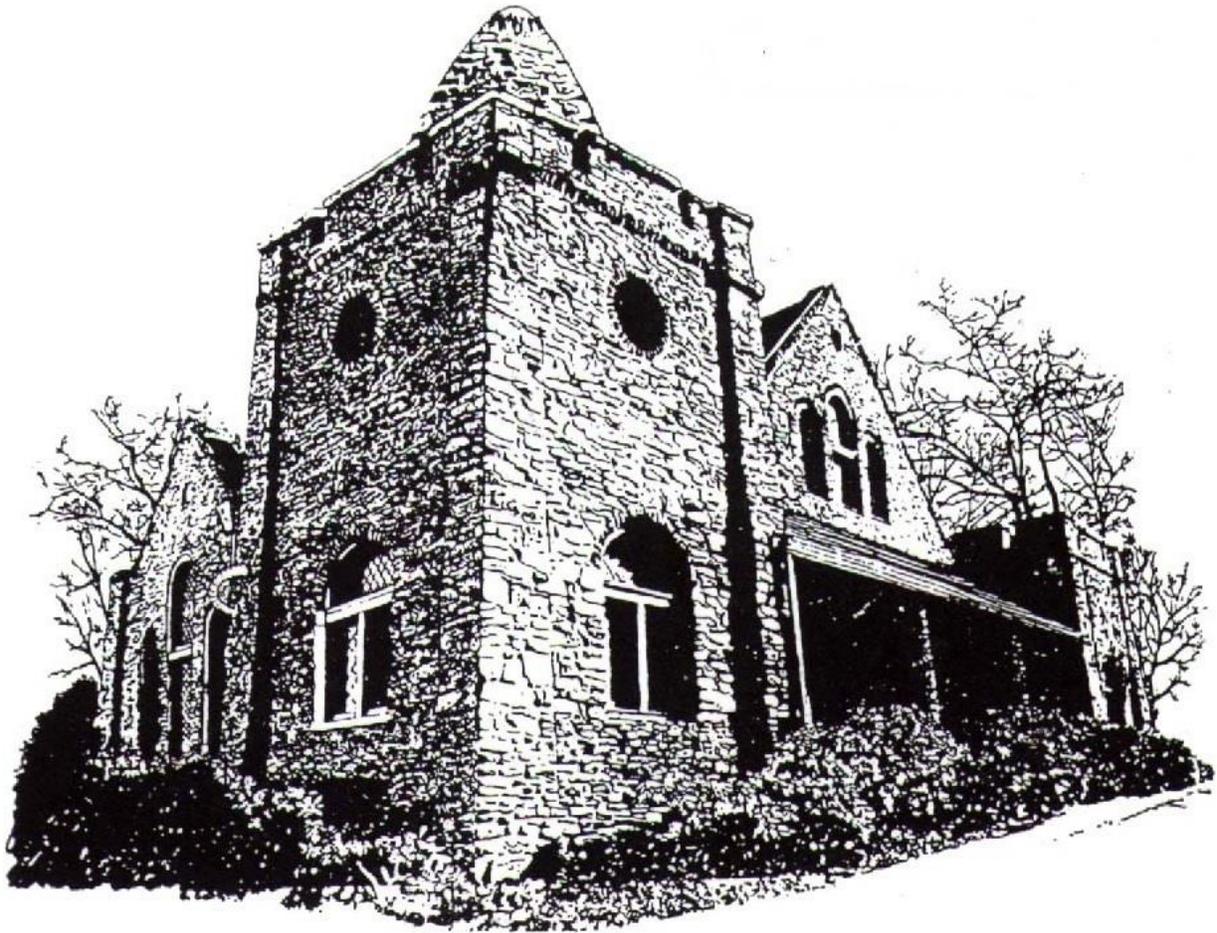


# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"*

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2019  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

## THE GATHERING

Prelude: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

based on the plainsong, VENI EMMANUEL  
arr. by Anna Laura Page

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

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: *Comfort Ye My People*

Mel Wilhite

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

**\*Call to Worship:**

Bobby Taylor

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.**

That city is where the tribes go up, to praise the name of the Lord.

**We will pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls; security in your citadels.

**For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELES

**Call to Confession:**

Friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation - preparing to welcome Emmanuel to our midst. Part of that preparation is the honest practice of confessing our sins before God and one another. Together, let us confess our need for forgiveness.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**O Lord of Christmas and Easter; you are a God of kept promises. You told Moses that Israel would be free and led them through the wilderness. You promised Isaiah that David's rule would not end and sent Jesus as our King. You tell us you are with us, and the Body of Christ has survived tyrants and dictators. Yet, we confess, Father, we don't believe your promises. We read your word, but don't trust it applies to us. The prophets speak of your faithfulness, yet we fear you can't handle the future. We declare Jesus is Lord, but still want our own way.**

**Forgive us, God of the Covenant; teach us to base our lives on your guarantees. Transform our hearts, to act on your promises, not our imagined consequences. Fill our souls with what you gave us in the manger, not what the world has to offer. Prepare us for Advent, that we will not be timid in waiting for Jesus, but prepare for him every day (moment of silent confession). In his name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, hear this good news and see the grace of God: We are forgiven. We are free to go and live in the light of love.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 95 Prepare the Way of the Lord**

PREPARE THE WAY

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,  
And all people will see the salvation of the our God**

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth

instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**Choir Anthem: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

from the Liturgy of St. James, translated by Gerald Moultrie  
music based on 12<sup>th</sup> Century French Melody  
arr. by Carlton Young

**Second Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44**

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

**Sermon: “Not Yet”**

**Rev. Dr. William Sweetser, Jr.**

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *Of the Father’s Love Begotten***

13<sup>th</sup> Century Plainsong Melody  
arr. by Thomas Berdos  
OLD HUNDRETH

**\*Doxology # 606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

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

**God of hope, we come today bringing our gifts, and dedicating them to your service. Bless these gifts and use them to serve the needs of the many who need to know your presence. We bring them with joy in our hearts, and songs of hope and praise on our lips. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 515 *I Come With Joy***

DOVE OF PEACE

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Communion Music: *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming***

based on tune ESIST EIN ROS, arr. by James Denton

## ***THE SENDING***

**\*Closing Hymn # 97 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night***

ABERYSTWYTH

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

based on HYFRYDOL  
by Rowland H. Prichard, arr. by Donald F. Marsh

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. William Sweetser, Jr.; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Bobby Taylor

**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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## 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 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was on November 28.**

**We welcome back Rev. Bill Sweetser, who is our guest preacher this morning, and his wife, Sheila.**

**Our November Mission Project has been very successful. We have collected \$3,300 and members of our church family delivered 33 Thanksgiving baskets for needy individuals and families in our county and for our own homebound.** We doubled our goal! Thanks for caring and sharing!

**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 this week 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.

**Wednesday, December 11, we are celebrating Daniel Coffee's graduation from American University. He is receiving a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies. Please join us at Puerto Nuevo at 5 p.m.**

**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](mailto: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.