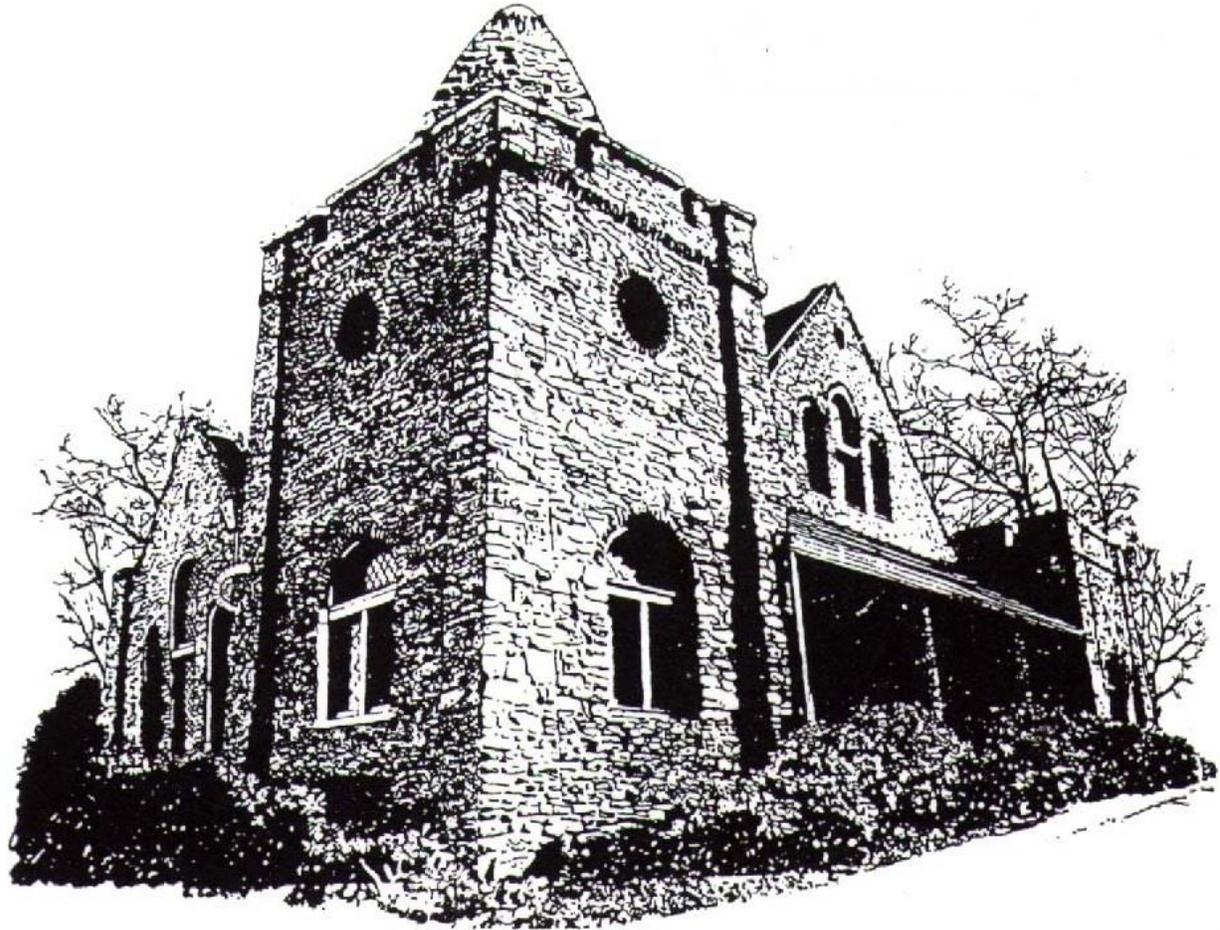


# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

EPIPHANY, JANUARY 5, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

## THE GATHERING

Prelude: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman*

based on a traditional English carol  
arr. by Gregg Sewell

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

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 20 (Green Folder) *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

words & music by Naida Hearn

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Bobby Taylor**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of God has risen upon us!**

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples,

**But God will rise upon us, and God's glory will appear over us.**

The light of God is with us;

**All the nations' leaders will be drawn to the light of God.**

God's light now dwells with us;

**Come, worship God, and shine God's light to the world!**

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

ADESTE FIDELES

**Call to Confession:**

Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life, rather than running to the Light of life? Why do we love the wrong we do rather than grasping the good news offered to us? As we struggle with such questions, let us speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray together.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**We search for your light, God of Glory, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Sustainer of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Up, on your feet! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us. **This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*, verse one** SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling  
calling for you and for me.

See on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

**"Come home, come home!**

**You who are weary, come home."**

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**First Lesson: John 1:1-5, 10-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not

accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Choir Anthem: *What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright***

words by Charles Coffin  
music based on PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Sermon: "Light Lessons"**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology # 609**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**May the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely, and hope to those who live in the shadows of our time. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 507 *Come to the Table of Grace***

TABLE OF GRACE

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Communion Music: *That First Christmas Night***

by Ron Loree

**THE SENDING**

**\*Closing Hymn # 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!***

FESTAL SONG

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *We Three Kings of Orient Are***

based on KINGS OF ORIENT  
by John H. Hopkins, Jr.  
arr. by Renee Gardner

SERVING US TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell, Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Bobby Taylor

## 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 and Birthday Cake as we celebrate our January birthdays. **Session will meet following Coffee Fellowship.**

**Men's Breakfast Group will meet at Kay's Kitchen this Tuesday, January 7, 9 a.m.**

**Wednesday Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, January 8, 3-4:30 p.m.**

**Winter Worship will be held in the fellowship hall beginning next Sunday, January 12.**

**We will be taking down the Chrismon Tree and decorations on Thursday, January 16 from 10 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Please come – we need your help.**

**The January CPC Women's Gathering will be held on Thursday, January 23.** We will be thoroughly cleaning the church kitchen and fellowship hall shutters and windows from 9:30- 11:30 a.m. and then going out to lunch together. All our women are invited!

**The January Church Potluck will be held on Sunday, January 26, following worship.** Coffee, tea, and soup will be provided. Please bring salad or bread. Call Charlotte Davila if you would like to provide a pot of soup, 828-733-9591.

### **Please keep the following people in your prayers.**

**\*\*Burl Duncan** passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 18. His funeral service was held at the church on December 21. He was 91 years old and lived a long, faithful, and rich life. Alberta's brother, Cliff Rose, passed away on December 23. Alberta Duncan and family would appreciate your prayers as they begin their journey of both grief and gratitude. Burl and Alberta have been members of our church for over 20 years. Cards may be sent to Alberta Duncan, P.O. Box 910, Linville, NC 28646. **\*\*Ron Seeger** has been placed in hospice care. Cathy and he would appreciate your prayers during this time. Their address is 464 Carmine Drive, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. **\*\*Ryan Watts, Charlotte Davila's granddaughter,** is going through a rough period in her life. **\*\*Charlotte's address is P.O. Box 38, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641.** **\*\*Janis Kenyon** had successful knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, December 17. She is at home recovering. Her address is 24 Hanging Rock Estates Lane, Banner Elk, NC 28604. **\*\*Bill and Laura Lind's daughter, Diana Farrington,** is struggling with her multiple sclerosis and the medicine is beginning to have some positive effect. Her address is: 15000 Wyndham Oaks Dr. Charlotte NC 28277-1566. Bill and Laura's address is: 3334 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Pepe` Abrusci** had cataract surgery on one eye. She expects a full recovery. Her address is: 195 Jaynes Road, Apt. # 30, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Joe Jordan** had successful surgery on his shoulder and is recovering; he will not be able to wrestle for the next six months. Joe's address is P.O. Box 523, Pineola, NC 28662-0523. **\*\*Beth Gacek** continues her recovery from foot surgery. She is at home and Greg is doing a great job taking care of her. She would love visits and Greg would love a few meals. Her address is 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657 **\*\*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. **\*\*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 begun her chemotherapy. Jason and Ashlyn are encouraged and positive and would appreciate any prayers and support that will help them as they trust in God and find joy and laughter during 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. **\*\*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. **\*\*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. 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  
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Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there.

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