

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
*January 19, 2020*

**Prelude: *I Love to Tell the Story***

based on HANKEY by William G. Fischer  
Arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

**Choral Call to Worship #20 *Jesus Name Above All Names* (Songs of Worship)**

**\*Call to Worship:**

When fear is holding you back,

**come and see, and follow Christ.**

When despair has brought you down,

**lift up your head, and follow Christ.**

When all seems lost and the world is too harsh,

**take his hand, and follow Christ.**

In this time of worship

**Let us follow Jesus, and know that Jesus is with us.**

**Christ has come before us, Christ is with us, and Christ will come again.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

FAITHFULNESS

**Call to Confession:**

Psalm 139:1-3 says: *O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.* God knows us intimately; there is nowhere we can go that is apart from God. God surrounds our action and knows our hearts. Let us confess our brokenness that keeps us from embracing the new life God offers us.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Faithful God, we have broken promises, forgotten commitments, and failed relationships. We have set out with good intentions but have not followed through. Forgive us for falling short and turning away from you. Help us to seek forgiveness from each other for our own shortcomings. Renew in us a spirit of faithfulness and help us to trust in you for our own forgiveness, so that we may learn to forgive others** (moment of silent confession). In the name of Jesus, who remains faithful even when we do not, we pray. **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. If we endure, we will also reign with Christ. If we are faithless, Christ remains faithful—for Christ cannot deny himself. Christ remains faithful to us always.

**We are forgiven. We are loved. We are made worthy in Christ. Let us go and share the Good News.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 418, *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*, verse two**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?**

**Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies 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."**

**First Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11**

**Choir Anthem: *You Are Mine***

words & music by David Haas

**Second Lesson: John 1:29-42**

**Sermon: "Come and See"**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me***

KELVINGROVE

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith, Section 1 and 3, page 37, *Glory to God Hymnal***

**\*Gloria # 581**

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

based on SHOWALTER by Anthony J. Showalter  
Arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

**\*Doxology # 606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

**May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn # 462 *I Love to Tell the Story***

HANKEY

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *I Am Thine, O Lord***

based on a tune by William H. Doane  
arr. by Donald F. Marsh

**Thanks to George Riggsbee, Charlotte Davila, and Laura Lind for taking down the tree, getting all the Christmas decorations packed away, and cleaning up the mess.**

**This Thursday, January 23, the Women's Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. to thoroughly clean the kitchen and the fellowship hall windows and shutters. We will then go out and have lunch together. All women are invited!**

**Our January Potluck will be held next Sunday, January 26, following worship. Coffee, tea, and soup will be provided. Please bring salad, bread, or dessert.**

**Two new prayer requests:**

**Ross Ross's sister, Joan Ross Cole, passed away this past Monday. She had been suffering from dementia. Please keep Ross, Jan, and family in your prayers in this time of grief and gratitude. The Ross's address is 2126 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657.**

**Barbara Ross has completed her time as the Interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine and is preparing for a complete left knee replacement on January 28. Please keep her in your prayers. Barbara's address is P. O. Box 30, Crossnore, NC 28616.**

**Update on Frances Magruder- Frances' surgery on Monday at the MD Anderson Cancer Hospital to remove her bladder went very well. Please continue to pray for her in this critical time of recovery and healing. Her address is P.O. Box 154, Linville, NC 28646.**