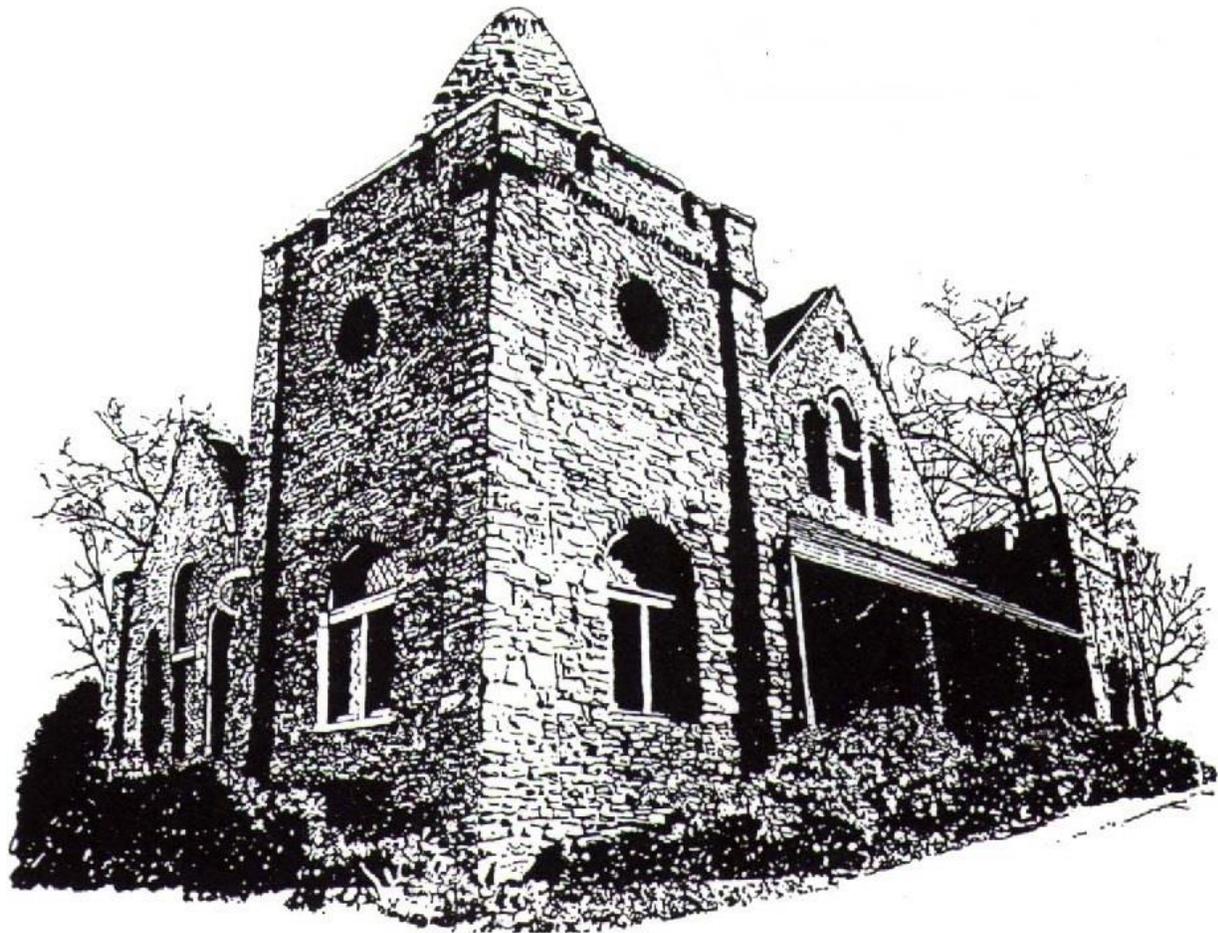


# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
EPIPHANY 7A, FEBRUARY 23, 2020  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

## THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Be Still and Know with Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
Welcome and Church Family News  
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

arr. by Carol Tornquist

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 4 *Spirit Song (Songs of Worship)*

SPIRIT SONG

#### Call to Worship:

Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.

**Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness know that your melody will find harmony.

**Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs' know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

**Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have. For you who have the answers, know that new questions await you.

**Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

**Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

\*Hymn of Praise # 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

#### Call to Confession:

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

#### Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon:

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**We are forgiven. We are loved. We are reconciled to God. May we live as God's beloved. Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 621 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

I WILL CALL

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

#### First Lesson: I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

**Choir Anthem: *Honor and Praise***

words & music by Twila Paris

**Second Lesson: Matthew 5:38-48**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Sermon: “Redefining Perfectionism”**

**Rev. Kath Campbell**

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

**\*Hymn of Meditation # *Lord of All Hopefulness***

COURTNEY

**\*Affirmation of Faith: (adapted, originally written by Roddy Hamilton)**

**The enemy: love them**

**The oppressor: walk the mile with them**

**The Master: turn the other cheek to them**

**This doormat faith seems too much to bear  
in a world where those who bully always seem to win.**

**The enemy: imbalance them with love**

**The oppressor: shame the law that oppresses**

**The Master: turn the cheek as an equal**

**This rebellious faith seems too much to bear  
in a world where those who bully  
are loved back to justice by the bullied.**

**But this is heaven’s revolution and we are called into it.**

**Let us worship and follow love’s rebel, Jesus.**

**\*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.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision***

based on SLANE, a traditional tune

arr. by Stan Pethel

PRAISE GOD

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

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

**God of all creation, the offering we bring to your altar this day is the fruit of our labors; and we want to bring you the best we have. No harvest comes from us alone but starts in your goodness; and many have contributed to every good gift we bring. Working together in your fields, generous God, we pray that our**

gifts might be used to bless others who hunger for connection with you. We pray in the name of Christ, our savior and redeemer. Amen.

## **THE SENDING**

**\*Closing Hymn # 547 Go My Children, with My Blessing**

AR HYDY NOS

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

based on CORONATION by Oliver Holden  
arr.by Donald F. Marsh

### **Prayer Requests—Please keep each of these people listed in your prayers**

**\*\*Mike Kilgore, brother of Dave Kilgore**, is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor and is waiting on the pathology report to determine further treatment. His address is 288 Alpine Trail, Kingsport, TN 37663. Dave and Jenny Kilgore's address is P. O. Box 265, Montezuma, NC 28653. **\*\*Alberta Duncan** has moved to Appalachian Brian Estates in Boone as she begins a new chapter in her life. Her new address is Alberta Duncan, Apartment 318, 163 Shadowline Drive, Boone, NC 28607. **\*\*Frank Martin** continues to recover from sciatica and his address is P.O. Box 274, Montezuma, NC 28653. **\*\*Patricia McGarr** is recovering from a successful cataract surgery and her address is 1625 Courtney Landings Drive, Apt. 4008, Charlotte, NC 28217. **\*\*Barbara Ross** is at home and continues her recovery for a knee replacement. She appreciates calls (828-387-6332) and cards. Her address is P.O. Box 30, Crossnore, NC 28616. **\*\*Ashlyn DeWitt** has completed her third round of chemotherapy and her address is: 1911 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Daniel Coffey's grandfather, Kenneth Ward**, has terminal cancer and is foregoing treatment. Daniel's address is P.O. Box 112, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. **Ross Ross's sister, Joan Ross Cole**, passed away on January 20. Ross's address is: 2126 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Frances Magruder's** surgery to remove her bladder was successful. She has returned to the mountains to continue her recovery. Frances' address is P.O. Box 154, Linville, NC 28646. **\*\*Sally Wilhite** continues to heal from a hairline fracture on her knee cap. Her address is 102 Woodwinds Court, Seven Devils, NC 28604. **\*\*Mel Wilhite's sister, Rev. Nancy Jane Wilhite**, is having severe kidney issues. Mel's address is 102 Woodwinds Court, Seven Devils, NC 28604. **\*\*Lindsey Edwards, young friend of Bill and Laura Lind**, has been diagnosed with lung cancer that has metastasized in her bones and lymph nodes. She and her husband have 4 boys, ages 1, 3, 5, and 7. Her address is 413 Townes St., Greenville, SC 29601. **\*\*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. **\*\*Nicholas (Cole) Gretz, the grandson of Birte and Jack Hogan**, is undergoing intensive chemo 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. **\*\*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.

### **Announcements**

**Our Friday Hands-On Service Project is with Feeding Avery Families that provides over 600 families and individuals with much need groceries.** Volunteers are needed from 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. and from 12:45 p.m.- 4 p.m. The office is located next to Carolina BBQ in downtown Newland.

**The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at 9 a.m., at Kaye's Kitchen.**

**Our February mission fund of \$1,000 is completed and is going to Crossnore School to cover the cost of new polo shirts and khakis for children and youth arriving at the school.** When they go to class their first day, they look like the rest of the students. These funds were generously provided by the end of the year giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

**The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. You will be receiving a church mailing with a daily Lenten Devotional, a calendar of events for the Lent/Easter Season, and information about our Lenten Mission Project.** We will be collecting donations for the Guatemala Educational Scholarship that keeps 25-30 children, youth, and young adults in school in Los Cerros, Guatemala. This is our sixth year in partnership with El Libano Presbyterian Church in Los Cerros.