



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

## “Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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### Announcements and Items of Interest

January 23, 2018

**Sunday, January 27, 2019—Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m., Potluck Luncheon after worship in the fellowship hall.**

**We are collecting Food for People and Pets donations and 5 Cents A Meal offering Sunday morning, January 27.** The food pantry shelves are bare, and the needs are great! Put your bag next to the front door so you don't forget it!

**There will be a potluck luncheon this Sunday, January 27, after worship. Ham, coffee, and tea will be provided.** Please bring side dish if you are able. If you are able to help with set up and/or clean up, please contact Charlotte Davila at 828-733-9591.

**We are moving the Sunday morning, 10:15 a.m., Coffee and Conversation from the kitchen to the parlor/conference room off of the fellowship hall.** Sunday School meets in the fel-

lowship hall at the same time and we want both groups to have their own space.

**Wednesday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Knitting Group - All are welcome.** If you are a beginner, there is always someone to help you get started. We have yarn and needles! In the event of inclement weather, follow the Avery County Schools Schedule. No public school means no knitting that day. You can also call the church office to find out. While the knitting group knits hats and scarves for the homeless, anyone is welcome to join in the conversation and the fellowship. Bring a project or just yourself.

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.— We will be studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 15.**

**There will be a Presbytery meeting on January 26 at the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia.**

**The next Session meeting will be Sunday, February**

**3, 2019 after worship.**

**Shirley Price's Memorial Service was held in our Sanctuary Saturday, January 19, at 2:00 p.m.** Cards may be sent to her son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Tammy Price. Their address is P.O. Box 726, Newland, NC 28657. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**The gate which was stolen has been replaced.** Bruce Dyak and his crew made and installed a new one. Thank you, Bruce! It is beautiful.

**Reminder: Please send in your directory update forms.** These were sent out in the Advent mailing. Please let us hear from you confirming all is correct or giving us your changes. You can mail the form in or email us at cpcpcusa@gmail.com. You can email an updated photo if you wish.

**Elders on Duty this Sunday, January 27, will be Linda Berkley and Janis Kenyon.**

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- \* Jean Barrier—January 1
- \* John Halifax—January 1
- \* Frank Duncan—January 2
- \* Sally Willhite—January 4
- \* Boyd Barrier—January 5
- \* David Shrader—January 5
- \* Sylvia Gill—January 6
- \* Shellie Duncan—January 11
- \* Jason DeWitt—January 17
- \* Bonnie Vuolo—January 20
- \* Ty Prior—January 24
- \* Birte Hogan—January 29

#### Prayer Requests

- \*THE STICKLAND FAMILY
- \*BECKY FRANKLIN
- \*EMILY DUNCAN
- \*GAIL SPOONER
- \*JUDY LILY
- \*KATHY HUTCHESON
- \*TASHA REID
- \*THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MARIAN BLUE
- \*THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF SHIRLEY PRICE
- \*SUSAN HARTLEY
- \*ANN BLAZER
- \*PAT McMANNEN

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ~Psalm 100:2*

#### **What is Worship?**

The word worship comes from an Old English root: “worship.” It suggests something or someone worthy of honor, glory, and praise. As a noun, worship can mean an act of reverence, a religious practice, or a feeling of respect. It is, in ordinary and universal use, a sign of worth.

But for Christians, it might be better to think of worship as a verb. To worship is to love the one who first loved us. To worship is to bless the one from whom all blessings flow. To worship is to show our gratitude for God's amazing grace. To worship is to give

your life to the giver of life.

For Christians, worship is a Trinitarian event. Our worship is always directed to God, through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit. This is why many of our prayers and hymns end with some version of this Trinitarian doxology (expression of praise). The holy, triune God is the only one worthy of our worship. Jesus is our model and mediator, the one who shows us what true worship is and the one through whose grace we stand in God's presence. The Holy Spirit reveals God's gra-

cious word and action and empowers our grateful response.

For Christians, worship and service are two sides of the same coin. In fact, in biblical Hebrew, “worship” and “serve” are two meanings of the same word, ‘abad (see Exod. 8:1, e.g.). The word liturgy comes from the Greek term leitourgia, meaning “work of the people” or “public service” (see Heb. 8:6). There should be no contradiction between our Sunday worship of God and our daily service of God. Our words and ac-

tions in the sanctuary are always connected with what we say and do in the street. As we are called to show our love to God in worship, so we are called to show God's love to our neighbors in the world.

Therefore, to worship means to lead a life worth living—a life that honors the giver of our life and makes a positive difference in the lives of others. In short, it's the only thing worth doing.

Gambrell, David. (2019). *Presbyterian Worship Questions and Answers*. Westminster John Knox, pp.1-2.