

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK** April 14 – 21

**HOLY WEEK**

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| Today     | 9:30am        | Choir Practice  |
|           | 10:00am       | Connect Hour  |
|           | 11:00am       | Worship - Ardy Skidmore<br><i>Palm Sunday</i>               |
| Monday    | 6:15pm – 7:15 | Girl Scout Troop Meets at LPC                               |
| Tuesday   | 7:00-8:30pm   | Divorce Care Ministry in FH                                 |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm        | Wednesday Meal by Robin's Team                              |
|           | 7:00pm        | Choir Practice  |
| Thursday  | 7:00am        | West Stanly Rotary Meeting                                  |
|           | 7:30pm        | Maundy Thursday Communion Service                           |
|           | 6:00pm        | Weight Watchers Meet in FH                                  |
| Sunday    | 6:44am        | Sunrise Service in Cemetery<br>Breakfast in Fellowship Hall |
|           | 9:30am        | Choir Practice  |
|           | 10:00am       | Connect Hour  |
|           | 11:00am       | Worship - Ardy Skidmore<br><i>Easter Day Worship</i>        |

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Senior Lunch Bunch ~ Hosted by Charlie & Vicki Higgins  
Tuesday, April 30, 11:00am

Wednesday Community Meals (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed)  
Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> & 15th at 6:00pm

National Day of Prayer  
Thursday, May 2, Noon at Town Center

Mission Team (*Lee, Amy, Joan*) to Virginia,  
Thursday, May 2 – 5

Presbytery Mtg at Cooks PC – Ardy goes before COM  
Tuesday, May 21, 9:30am

Senior Lunch Bunch ~ Hosted by  
Tuesday, May 28, 11:00am

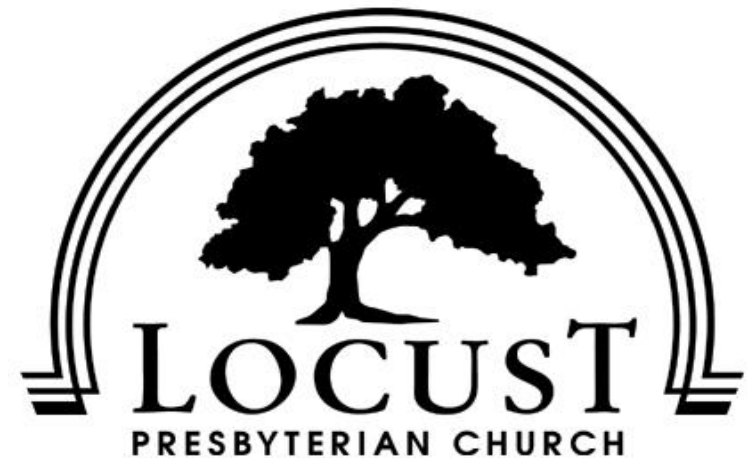
Session Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28, 7:00pm

Ardy's Service of Ordination @ Steel Creek PC  
Saturday, June 1 (time to be announced)

**LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN**

*April 14, 2019*

*Palm Sunday*



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**Our Mission:**

**"Locust Presbyterian glorifies God  
and grows in faith by serving and  
meeting needs of all, through love,  
hope and compassion."**

*We welcome any visitors who may be with us today.  
May the Lord bless our fellowship time together!*

**Prelude** **Kay Howell**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**ALL: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

ONE: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**ALL: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

ONE: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**ALL: Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Song of Praise: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

Hymn #89 Presbyterian Hymnal

**Prayers For Palm Sunday** **Ardy Skidmore**

**Children's Message** **Ardy Skidmore**

**Anthem: Hosanna** **LPC Choir**  
*Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith; Arranged by Cliff Duren*

**Scripture: Luke 10:28-40**

**Sermon: "Cloth and Stone"** **Ardy Skidmore**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

**\*Hymn of Worship: Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Hymn #92 Presbyterian Hymnal

**Prayers of the People** **Ardy Skidmore**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication** **Ardy Skidmore**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** **Kay Howell**

**We will leave the sanctuary in silence this morning as you lay your palm branches at the foot of the cross.**

**Remember to bring flowers for the cross on Easter morning.**



**WELCOME ARDY:** Ardy Skidmore has agreed to serve our church as a Stated Supply Pastor for an extended period of time. Since this is her first call to a validated ministry following completion of seminary, she will be examined by the Presbytery of Charlotte at the **May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting** of the Presbytery at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church. All are invited to this gathering to support Ardy. Also, Ardy's Service of Ordination will be held on Saturday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>** at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. We'll plan to have the van or form carpools to travel to this special service. Ardy will be moving into our manse.

**MUSIC TODAY:** Today is Palm Sunday. We have several traditional songs we sing on this day including the opening hymn, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*. This is traditionally sung as we distribute palm branches. Today, we will lay the branches at the foot of the cross at the end of the service. The anthem is a classic Michael W. Smith song from the 1980s. It has been updated a bit from his original version. Sing along... the words are simple! After the sermon, we'll be a bit more reflective with the hymn, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*.

**WEDNESDAY MEAL:** Join in the family meal served on Wednesday at 6:00pm prepared by Robin, Vicki and Team.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be **April 18 at 7:30pm**. This is a great time to invite a friend to join you at church.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** Long time LPC tradition is sharing breakfast following the Sunrise Service. **Chris Fish** will be coordinating the meal. He will have the food items but is **looking for volunteers to help prepare the meal**. See Chris or Cindy Fish today to volunteer.

**EASTER WORSHIP TIMES:** Easter Sunday (4-21-19) worship times are as follows: Meet in the cemetery at 6:30am and Sunrise service will begin at 6:44am. You may bring a chair & dress is casual. Breakfast will follow at approx. 7:30am in fellowship hall. Connect (Sunday School) & Worship are at regular times of 10:00 and 11:00am. Easter is a great time to invite someone to church.

**LANDSCAPE PROJECT:** We have restored the shrubs & mulch and that is **not** covered in our current budget. If you would like to make a donation toward this project (approx. cost is \$1,600.00) please mark your envelope for Landscape Update. **We have collected approx. \$700 so far!!!**

### **NC PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING TOUR**

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will be in Charlotte for this year's Spring Tour on Friday & Saturday, **April 26-27**. Registration is \$25. We will visit two Presbyterian universities, a seminary, four beautiful churches, and the Settlers' Cemetery! The schedule, registration form, on our website at [www.ncphsociety.org](http://www.ncphsociety.org).

### **PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:**

**Our Session & Our LPC Family**, Our Government Leaders, LPC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, Our Military. Our Police Officers, Bill Dehn Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Katherine Griffin, Fannie Hathcock, David Hartsell, Ruth Bowers-Clear Creek Center, Ray Bradford-Cataract surgery recovery, Cindy Fish-recovering from running accident. Kay Baucom-heart procedure at Duke on Tuesday – 4-23-19.

**April Greeter: Jane Blackman & James Baucom**  
**April Head Usher: Eugene**

### **BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS**

Team 1 – Bob R, Ruthi J, James B. – 4-22-19 6-17-19  
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki H, Chris F. - 5-6-19 7-1-19  
Team 3 -Nancy B, John H, Cindy F. – 5-20-19 7-15-19  
Team 4 – Matt S, Fred W., Skip H. - 6-3-19 7-29-19

### **SESSION Clerk of Session – Chris Fish**

Class of 19: Ray Bradford, Chris Fish, Joan Hall

Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst

Class of 21: Leah Joyner

Bulletin Announcements or prayer request:  
Amy Bates at [abbiv4@yahoo.com](mailto:abbiv4@yahoo.com) or 704.622.5003

### **Session Committee Chairs:**

*Administration & Finance Chair:* Chris Fish

*Christian Education Co-Chairs:* Joan Hall, Nancy Bartlett, Leah Joyner

*Building & Grounds Co-Chairs:* Ray Bradford

*Worship & Music Chair:* Michael Longhurst, Leah Joyner

*Congregational Life Co-Chairs:* Jane Blackman.

*Mission, Outreach & Membership Co-Chairs:* Jane Blackman & Michael Longhurst

### **MINISTERS: All of the Members of LPC**

Stated Supply Pastor: Ardy Skidmore    Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg

Organist: Kay Howell

Piano: Patsy Smith

Treasurer: Cindy Fish

Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg, Maverick Baucom, Lilly Hall

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You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

### **Our Church Website**

[www.locustpresbyterian.org](http://www.locustpresbyterian.org)

Do you check out the church website? A calendar is listed there along with each week's bulletin to keep you informed if you miss a Sunday. We are working on adding more content.

### **Our Church Facebook**

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