

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK** April 28 – May 5

Today	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Connect Hour
	11:00am	Worship
Monday	6:15pm – 7:15	Girl Scout Troop Meets at LPC
Tuesday	11:00am	Senior Lunch Bunch to Bobs
	7:00pm	Divorce Care
Wednesday	6:00pm	Wednesday Meal By Cindy & Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	Noon	National Day of Prayer @ Locust Mission Team Leaves for Virginia
	7:00am	West Stanly Rotary Meeting
	6:00pm	Weight Watchers Meet in FH
Saturday	8:00am	Boy Scout Yard Sale at LPC
Sunday	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Connect Hour
	11:00am	Worship

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday Community Meals (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Wed)  
Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

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

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

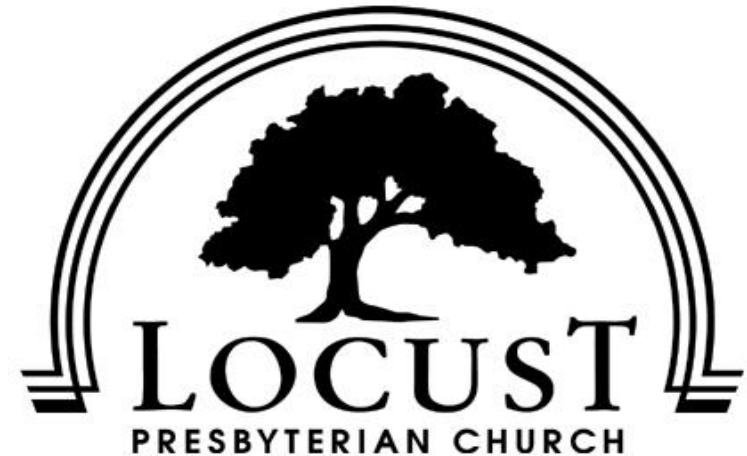
Session Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28, 7:00pm

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

American Red Cross Blood Drive at LPC  
Monday, June 10, 2:30 – 7:00pm

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*April 28, 2019*



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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**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship:**

ONE: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

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

#### **\*Song of Praise: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**

Hymn #106 Presbyterian Hymnal

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Ardy Skidmore**

#### **Children's Message**

**Ardy Skidmore**

#### **Anthem: Because He Lives**

**LPC Choir**

#### **Scripture: Revelation 1:4-8**

**Ardy Skidmore**

1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

1:6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1:7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

#### **Sermon: "Endings and Beginnings"**

##### **\*Affirmation of Faith:**

I believe in the God of Easter morning  
Who awakes us from our darkest dreams  
And leads us into the light of a new day,  
Who meets our pessimism  
With stunning hope  
Of angelic proclamation.

I believe in the God of Easter Day  
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives  
And empties the dark tomb for us;  
Who appears in surprising ways  
When we least expect it;  
Walking with us  
On our detours.

I believe in the God of Easter evening  
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,  
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.  
I believe in the risen Lord who meets us  
with wounds on his hands and feet;  
Who grants us his spirit,  
Sending us out  
To bring Shalom to the world.  
**Amen.**

##### **\*Hymn of Worship: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**

Hymn #106 Presbyterian Hymnal

##### **Offering**

##### **\*Doxology**

#### **Dedication Prayer and Prayers of the People**

##### **\* Charge & Benediction**

##### **Postlude**

**Ardy Skidmore**

**Kay Howell**

**WELCOME ARDY:** Ardy Skidmore has agreed to serve our church as a Stated Supply Pastor. She will be examined by the Presbytery of Charlotte at the **May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting** of the Presbytery at Cook's Memorial PC. 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 PC. We'll plan to have the van/carpools to travel to this special service. Ardy will be moving into the manse.

**MUSIC TODAY:** We are always Easter people! Today, the hymns will reflect that Easter continues. The anthem today is a Matt Maher song that also reflects that we are Easter people. *Because He Lives(Amen)* was introduced in 2014 and has been a popular praise song ever since. Enjoy!

**EASTER THANK YOU:** Thank you to all that volunteered to cook breakfast last week. It was a great celebration at LPC!

**SENIOR LUNCH:** Join the Senior Lunch Bunch for their monthly lunch this Tuesday, April 30. Meet at the church at 11:00am to ride the van or meet at the Bob's Restaurant in Midland. All are invited to join them! Questions – See this month's hosts Charlie & Vicki Higgins

**WEDNESDAY MEAL:** Join us at 6 for a great meal prepared by Cindy Fish and Team. This is a great outreach to the community and a time of fellowship.

**MISSION TEAM:** On Thursday Joan Hall, Lee Ennis and Amy Bates will be joining with Morningstar Presbyterian Church to travel to Jonesville Virginia to work with Appalachia Service Project. Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. Please pray for the team their safety and for those they will be assisting. They will return on Sunday.

**BOY SCOUT YARD SALE:** Boy Scout Troop 202 will be holding their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> here at LPC. We've already gotten a lot of items, but more are welcome. Let Bob or Stephen Remsburg or David Wallace know if you need to bring something for the yard sale. Otherwise come and shop for that special item you cannot live without. All money raised will go to support the scouts in summer trips.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** We appreciate your commitment to the work of West Stanly Christian Ministries and we hope you really know that without you, we would not be able to reach those in need like we do! Our food pantry has been busy through the first part of 2019. We have assisted out well over 11,000 lbs of food through March and fed almost 350 individuals. Our current critical needs are: Canned Mixed Veggies (Veg All, etc), Spaghetti Sauce, Box Macaroni and Cheese, Box Mashed Potatoes, Canned Chicken, Grits (Instant or otherwise), Grape Jelly, Pop Tarts (breakfast foods), Sml Containers of Laundry Soap. If you put in the buggy in the back, we will get them to the Ministry.

**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, Jerry Linker-leukemia, Kay Baucom-recovery, Patsy Wolcott-test results, Caroline Morton-Chisolm-cancer treatments.

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

**May Greeter: Larry Baucom & Vicki Higgins**  
**May Head Usher: Eugene**

**BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS**

Team 1 – Bob R, Ruthi J, James B. – 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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### **Our Church Website**

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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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