

Our Mission:

To be a place where people want and need to be – where God is glorified in Jesus Christ and real human needs are met. We will do this as Christ's Church through the power of the Holy Spirit as we worship, study, serve and fellowship.



LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

www.locustpresbyterian.org

MINISTERS: All of the Members of LPC

Pastor: Evan Amo Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg
Organist: Kay Howell Piano: Patsy Smith
Treasurer: Cindy Fish
Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg & Maverick Baucom



August 19, 2018

**All who are able please stand, acceptable to remain seated also.*

Prelude, Welcome

***Songs of Praise Mighty to Serve** (see sidebar)

Words and Music by Laura Story

Hymn #322 Presbyterian Hymnal

Spirit of the Living God

Children's Message

(children may leave for the Nursery)

Prayer of Restoration

Anthem I Will Rise

LPC Choir

Louie Giglio, Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves;

“And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle’s wings; before my God fall on my knees and rise.”

Proclaiming the Word: Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon: Redeeming the Time

***Responding to the Word: Affirmation of Faith**

(Apostles Creed) – (see sidebar)

Responding to the Word: Faith Conversations

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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.

***Benediction**

Postlude



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR: Our Session and Our LPC Family, Our Government Leaders, LPC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, LPC Choir, Our Military. Our Police Officers, Bill Dehn, Ruth Fitton, Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Katherine Griffin, Chan Smith, David Hartsell, Joe Garzoni-Peggy's son, Dana Guinn, Ron Lane, Traci Baucom, Fannie Hathcock Glenda Love – total knee replacement recovery at home

MUSIC NOTES: The Praise Song today is *Mighty to Save* by Laura Story. “Our God is mighty to save”. So, what do we do when we are saved? Don't waste your life. There is much to be done for the kingdom! Let the Holy Spirit come into your heart and mind as you prepare to hear God speak through Evan's message this morning. We'll sing a favorite and simply hymn, *Spirit of the Living God*. It is so short, we'll probably sing it through two times. The choir will add their voices to this service by singing a great Mary McDonald arrangement of a fairly contemporary song, *I Will Rise*. Will you rise up and do God's work?

Mighty to Save

Words and Music by Laura Story

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations
Chorus 1
Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save
Forever; Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave (last time go to Chorus 2)

Take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender, yes I surrender (*chorus 1*)
Shine your light and let the whole world see
Singing for the glory of the risen King; Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
Singing for the glory of the risen King (*chorus 1*)

Chorus 2
You my Savior, you can move the mountains
God, you are Mighty to save
You are Mighty to save
Forever; Author of salvation
You rose and conquered the grave
Yes, you conquered the grave
You are Mighty to save!

***Responding to the Word: Affirmation of Faith**
(from *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

YOUTH NEWS Youth Day at the Lake – TODAY – Following Sunday worship middle schoolers and high schoolers will head up to Lake Tillery for some fun, fellowship, and worship! We will eat lunch and dinner at the Sellati's home and will be back at church around 8:00. Students are encouraged to invite friends! Please bring bathing suit, shoes and clothes for hiking, towel, sunscreen, and \$10 for lunch and dinner.

MENTAL HEALTH Our church ladies group is sponsoring this outreach, Mental Health First Aid Training. It's an 8 hour class that we will split over 2 days, **Aug. 25 and Sept 8**. Check in will be at 8:30am, class begins at 9am. Class is FREE and open to anyone 18 and over. You must attend all 8 hours to gain certificate. It's a great offering, class size is limited but we must have at least 10 to hold the class. Folks are asked to register with Greta Baucom @ 704.562.1371

KIDS CONNECT: During our Connect time after church, the young people of the church will start learning hand bells and puppetry. We will also still have our fun lessons as we have had during Sunday School in the past. We plan to use our new talents in the worship service. We hope you will join us for this fun way to praise God! (If you are young at heart and want to help the youngsters with bells and puppets, let Tammi Remsburg know.)

WALK WITH US: The "Finish the Race" group will be starting back up on **August 30th**, but we've decided to be a walking group and now called "Walking with God". We will meet once a week on Thursdays at **6:30pm**. The first meeting will be in the New Beginnings Room and then we may branch out to meet in Locust Park for future dates. There will be a small devotional and then together we will start with a slow 15 min walk with a goal to work our way up each week to participating in a 5k later in the year. Come out, bring the family, bring a neighbor. and let's build up our physical and spiritual selves!

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice is on Sunday mornings at 9:15 for the summer! Come join in – you don't have to be a professional, you just want to sing God's praise! Our next Wednesday night choir practice will be **September 5th at 7:00pm**.

NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP: The New Beginnings Connect Group will begin a new study on **September 9th**. The study will be Rachel Held Evans' new book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. Invite a friend – all are welcome!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY YARD SALE: We are excited to be partnered with 1st Presbyterian Albemarle and 1st Presbyterian Norwood for the next Stanly County Habitat build sometime later this fall. Habitat for Humanity is a reputable international non-profit that fights poverty by helping people in need achieve affordable housing and home-ownership. Our goal is to raise \$5000.00 for Habitat and this build project. We need your help with spreading the word and collecting items to sell in a big yard sale on the front lawn on **Sept. 15th**. Please contact Jane Blackman (210) 889-7932 or Chris Fish (704) 451-5329 to schedule a time for item drop off or to volunteer to help with the sale. Working on site on a Habitat build is a very fun and rewarding experience, and a great way to invite people into the life of our church. If you are interested in joining one of our LPC construction crews please let Evan or Chris know--no experience needed.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP A very special Outdoor Worship and fun day is being planned for **September 16th**. Plan to be here and invite friends and family as we kick off the church new year! Don't miss it!

Bulletin Announcements or prayer request:
Amy Bates at abbiv4@yahoo.com or 704.622.5003

Elder Session Members Clerk of Session – Chris Fish
Class of 18: Diane Haggerty, Matt Salyer, Lee Smith
Class of 19: Ray Bradford, Chris Fish, Joan Hall
Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339. During other times Pastor Evan can be reached at 714.397.4832.

Our Servanthood Schedule... No Service is too Small...

August Greeters: Larry Baucom & Jane Blackman
August Head Usher: Matt Salyer

ACOLYTES - Lilly Hall
Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer, Emma Haggerty

COLLECTION COUNTERS – To Volunteer see Cindy Fish
August 19 – Greta Baucom

NURSERY – To Volunteer see Joan Hall & Diane Haggerty

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS
Team 1 – Bob R, Ruthi J, James B. – 8-27-18 & 11-5-18
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki H, Chris F, - 9-10-18 & 11-19-18
Team 3 - Nancy B, Robin H, John H, Cindy F. – 9-24-18 & 12-3-18
Team 4 – Ray B, Deb B, Skip H. - 10-8-18 & 12-17-18
Team 5 – Evan A, Matt S, Fred W. – 10-22-18 & 12-31-18

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK August 19 - 26

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| Today | 9:15 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00am | Worship |
| | | YOUTH DAY AT THE LAKE |
| | 11:00 am | Connect Time |
| Thursday | 7:00am | West Stanly Rotary Meeting in FH |
| | 6:00pm | Weight Watchers Meeting in FH |
| Saturday | 8:30-1:00pm | Mental Health Workshop |
| Sunday | 9:15 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00 am | Worship |
| | 11:00 am | Connect Time |

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mental Health Workshop
Saturday, August 25 & September 8
Session Meeting
Tuesday, August 28, 7:00pm
Walk with God Group
Thursday, August 30, 6:30pm
Wednesday Choir Practice Begins
Wednesday, September 5, 7:00pm
Habitat Yard Sale at LPC
Saturday, September 15, 8:00am
Fall Outdoor Worship & Lunch "Fallapoloosa"
Sunday, September 16

Session Committee Chairs:

Administration & Finance Chair: Chris Fish

Christian Education Co-Chairs: Joan Hall, Matt Salyer & Nancy Bartlett.

Building & Grounds Co-Chairs: Matt Salyer, Ray Bradford & Lee Smith.

Worship & Music Chair: Michael Longhurst.

Congregational Life Co-Chairs: Diane Haggerty and Jane Blackman.

Mission & Justice, Outreach & Membership Co-Chairs: Diane Haggerty, Jane Blackman & Michael Longhurst

CARE OUTREACH GROUP In a desire to expand our outreach to the community, LPC is considering providing divorce and separation support to those in need. Several facilitators with experience related with divorce and separation, or an interest in showing compassion to those hurting will be needed. Materials for facilitation provided by curriculum. This is 13 week course and we are looking toward a January start. Please see Michael Longhurst or Amy Bates for questions.