

**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**

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**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, Lilly Hall



August 26, 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 #447 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Lead On, O King Eternal

**Children's Message**

**(children may leave for the Nursery)**

**Prayer of Restoration**

**Anthem** I'm Still Amazed

LPC Choir

*By Lee Black, Jason Cox, Kenna West Arranged by Marty Hamby*

**Proclaiming the Word: Ephesians 6:10-20**

**Sermon: Armor Up: Trading our Defenses for God's Armor**

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

**(Confession of 1967)** – (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, Meghan White-cancer, Glenda Love, Family of Joe Lowder, JD Yow, William Wallace working for CMPD in North Tryon.**

**MUSIC NOTES:** The Praise Song today is *Mighty to Save* by Laura Story. "Our God is mighty to save". This has been recorded by many artists. We've held this over another week because the words fit well into today's message from Ephesians 6:10-20. We'll also sing a great old hymn, *Lead On, O King Eternal*. This hymn also fits in well with the message. The choir anthem speaks of our amazement at the wonderful thing God did by coming to earth in the form of Jesus and offering His life for the forgiveness of all that we do wrong. Enjoy *I'm Still Amazed*. (It's a fast song... so see if the choir gets tongue-tied!)

**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*

Your 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: Confession of 1967**

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and

words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

**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!

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY MEALS:** We will be starting community dinner on **September 5, 6:00pm**. Evan is planning to lead a conversation/training during dinner that night on hospitality and service with Robert Britt from Christian Ministries, as we will open up the dinners moving forward to the community starting with the **September 19** meal. If you can help cook, serve or clean...,please see Cindy Fish.

**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**.

**COME PRAY WITH US:** On Thursday **Sept. 13** we will have a prayer vigil, 7am-7pm in the Sanctuary. Stop in any time to carve intentional space to seek God's presence and power in your life, our church, our community, and our world. For more information please see Joan Hall. We hope you will make time in your day to come pray with us.

**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 as we kick off the church new year! Don't miss it! We will have invitations available for you to pick up and use to invite family & friends.

**NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP:** The New Beginnings Connect Group will begin a new study on **September 23rd**. 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!

**SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH:** The Senior Lunch Bunch is looking to starting back their monthly lunch dates in September. Please stay tuned for the date and location. Questions or want to help please see Vicki Higgins.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING:** LPC Homecoming Sunday will **October 21**. Please save this date and invite others!

**REFORMATION SUNDAY:** LPC will again be joining in a Stanly County Joint Reformation Sunday at First Pres-Albemarle. Jan Edmiston will be the speaker. Please plan to join in this special service. It will be on **Sunday, October 28**.

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

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

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

**September Greeters:** Fred Wickert & Chris Fish  
**September Head Usher:** James Baucom

**COLLECTION COUNTERS** – To Volunteer see Cindy Fish  
August 26 – Amy Bates

**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 26 – September 2

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Connect Time</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>West Stanly Rotary Meeting in FH</b> <b>Weight Watchers Meeting in FH</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Connect Time</b>

**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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Walk with God Group  
Thursday, August 30, 6:30pm

Mental Health Workshop – Part 2  
Saturday, September 8, 8:30am

Communion at Worship  
Sunday, September 9, 10:00am

Wednesday Meals-*training meal*  
Wednesday, September 5, 6:00pm

Wednesday Choir Practice Begins  
Wednesday, September 5, 7:00pm

Prayer Vigil for LPC  
Thursday, September 13, 7:00am – 7:00pm

Habitat Yard Sale at LPC  
Saturday, September 15, 8:00am

Fall Outdoor Worship & Lunch “Fall Fun Sunday”  
Sunday, September 16

Community Wed. Meals Begin (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed)  
Wednesday, September 19, 7:0pm

Session Meeting  
Tuesday, September 25, 7:00pm

The Session held its monthly meeting on August 21, 2018. The following actions were taken by the Session on behalf of LPC:

LPC will be offering the DivorceCare Program to the public beginning January 2019. This new ministry is a 13 week structured program offering support for those undergoing a divorce.

LPC will again participate in Reformation Sunday with other Stanly County Presbyterian churches to be held at 1st Presbyterian Church, Albemarle.

Wednesday Night Meals will begin again starting September 5, 2018. The meals will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

LPC Homecoming Sunday will be moved back to October 21, 2018. The guest preacher TBD.

Session approved the hiring of John Edwards, who will help facilitate a strategic planning process for the health and revitalization of LPC as we move forward and seek our role in the community.

Submitted by Chris Fish, Clerk of Session

**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.

**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.)