

**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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PO Box 277

607 West Main Street

Locust, NC 28097

**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



December 2, 2018

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

**Today we begin our Christmas season with the first Sunday of Advent.  
We will light the first candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of Hope**

**Prelude, Welcome**

**\*Praise Song – There's A Song in the Air**

*Side box*

**\* Praise Song – #9 Presbyterian Hymnal**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer of Restoration**

**Anthem: Christmastime**

**LPC Choir**

*Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Joanna Carlson;*

"Ring Christmas bells, ring them loud with the message brining peace on the earth, tidings of good cheer! Come, carolers, come and join with the angels singing, 'Joy to the world!' Christmas time is here again."

**Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Sermon: "Active Waiting"**

**Rev. Erika Funk**

**Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed:**

**See Side Box**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Prayers of the People**

**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 – Rev. Erika Funk**

**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 Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Katherine Griffin, Joe Garzoni-Peggy's son, Ron Lane, Traci Baucom, Fannie Hathcock, Brandon Furr-son-in-law of Robin Hill, Family of John Edge, Allen Linker, Ruth Bowers, Christopher Rybicki-son of Donna, Safe travels for Evan and Lauren.

**MUSIC NOTES:** It's *Christmastime!* The choir will be sharing Michael W. Smith's song, *Christmastime*. This song is always a good introduction to our Christmas season. We'll also sing two traditional songs, *There's a Song in the Air* and *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. We'll have lots of great music through the Christmas season.

**Praise Song "There's A Song in the Air"**

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled.  
And that song from afar has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame and the beautiful sing  
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
That comes down through the night from the  
heavenly throng.

Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
And we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

**Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin  
Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**CONGREGATIONAL MTG:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting, Sunday, **December 9** for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing an elder for the class of 2022.

**SESSION UPDATES:** Session met on Tuesday 27 November 2018. Topics discussed were the new Mission Statement and our Core Values statements. Session unanimously approved a request for a new Narcotics Anonymous chapter to use classroom space to meet. This will be the only chapter meeting in western Stanly County. Session learned that Stanly County ranked 4th in overdose fatalities for the state so the needs for services are great. LPC will also be the host for a DivorceCare program beginning sometime after the new year. Session also discussed our current involvement with the Habitat build in Badin. LPC members are providing manpower for construction and also preparing meals for delivery to the job site. In progress photos are being posted to the LPC Facebook page.

**HABITAT HOME UPDATES:** Habitat for Humanity Project work has begun. If you would like to schedule your time to work please see Michael Longhurst. Another great way to help is we will be making lunches to be delivered to the work crews on site. This is a great opportunity to come out to our church kitchen and help out. We are on a weekly rotation with the other 2 churches: **Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Locust will be responsible for the meals.** Questions- See Jane, Chris or Michael.

**LINKER SCHOLARSHIP:** If your college student is a member of LPC they are invited to apply for the Bill & Helen Linker Memorial Scholarship. Forms are available on the church office desk and need to be returned to the church by **December 15**. Questions-see Cindy Fish.

**SINGING AMERICANS** The Singing Americans Christmas concerts are **today** at Grace Baptist in Albemarle and **December 9** at Pleasant Grove Baptist in Frog Pond. Both concerts are at 3:00 PM and several of our choir members are participating. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Questions – see Bob or Tammi Remsburg.

**GREETERS & HEAD USHER:** If you would like to serve as a Greeter or Head Usher please let Amy Bates know, I am working on the schedule for the next few months and need to update the volunteer list.

**NUTCRACKER** The City Youth Ballet is presenting The Nutcracker performed at the Stanly Agri-Civic Center **today at 3:00 PM**. Several of our youth congregation members will be performing. Don't miss this opportunity to see this great show!

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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...**

December Greeters: Vicki Higgins & Chris Fish  
December Head Usher: Eugene Colavito

**COLLECTION COUNTERS** – To Volunteer see Cindy Fish  
December– Joan Hall & Chris Fish

**NURSERY** – To Volunteer see Joan Hall

**BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS**  
Team 1 – Bob R, Ruthi J, James B. – 12-31-18, 2-25-19  
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki H, Chris F, - 1-14-19, 3-11-19  
Team 3 -Nancy B, John H, Cindy F. –**12-3-18**, 1-28-19, 3-25-19  
Team 4 – Matt S, Fred W., Skip H. - 12-17-18, 2-11-19,4-8-19

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK** Dec. 2 – 9

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Connect Hour*</b>
		<b>*Greening the Church</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Wed Meal By Cindy &amp; Team</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Rotary Breakfast Meeting in FH</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Weight Watchers Meet in FH</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Connect Hour</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Mtg to Elect Elder</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Community Wed. Meals (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed)  
Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

Meal (Lunch) for Habitat Home Build  
Monday – Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Choir Cantata  
Sunday, December 16, 11:00am

Senior Lunch Bunch  
Tuesday, December 18, 11:00am

Session Meeting  
Tuesday, December 18, 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion  
December 24, 6:00pm

Meal (Lunch) for Habitat Home Build  
Monday – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

Ordination & Installation of Elder Class 2021  
Sunday, January 13, 11:00am

Meal (Lunch) for Habitat Home Build  
Monday – Saturday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch  
Sunday, January 27

**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, Outreach & Membership Co-Chairs:* Diane Haggerty, Jane & Michael

**Weekly schedules are as follows:**

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Norwood**

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Albemarle**

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Locust**

**Dec 31<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - Locust**

**Jan. 21 – Jan 26<sup>th</sup> - Locust**

**And then rotate again in that order.**