

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK February 16 - 23

Today	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Monday	6:15pm – 7:15	Girl Scout Troop Meets at LPC
	6:00pm – 8:00	Card Ministry Meets (night edition)
Wednesday	6:00pm	Wednesday Dinner
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30-11:30am	Card Ministry Meets
	6:00pm	Weight Watchers Meet in FH
Sunday	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Session Meeting
February 24, 6:30pm

Senior Lunch Bunch
February 25, 11:00am

Ash Wednesday Service
February 26, 7:00pm

Congregational Mtg regarding PDA Building
Sunday, March 1 following worship

10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering Collected
Sunday, March 8, during worship

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Check out our Facebook page for up to date events and information

If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar- in the narthex.



Our Mission:

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

February 16, 2020

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*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Skidmore

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

Choral Introit Majesty with We Will Glorify LPC Choir

Written by Jack Hayford, Twila Paris, Arranged by Russell Mauldin

"Majesty, worship His majesty? Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise!"

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

ONE: To all who are imprisoned,

MANY: God says, "Come out."

ONE: To all who are living in darkness,

MANY: God says, "Show yourselves."

ONE: To all who hunger and thirst,

MANY: God gives food and springs of water.

ONE: To all who are far away,

MANY: God makes smooth the way home. God will not forget us, we are inscribed on the palms of God's hands.

***Hymn of Praise # 376 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"**

Call to Confession

Rev. Skidmore

The apostle Paul tells us that the only one who stands in judgment over us is God. God brings hidden things to light and makes public our true hearts. We come to confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in God's mercy to forgive and to restore.

Prayer of Confession:

Holy and Merciful God, you are our judge, for you alone know us fully. You know the sins we hide from others: the unkind thought, the unspoken word of grace, the helping hand not offered. You alone know how we harbor jealousies and resentments; hoard resources for ourselves; and hold onto prejudices, judging others. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your marvelous light so that we live before others as you intend. We seek your tender mercy. We continue our prayer from our heart in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

Children's Message

Children are invited to join Rev. Ardy at the front

Anthem: Big Enough

LPC Choir

Solo by Dennis Joyner

By Michael Farren, Joseph Habedank; Arranged by Mason Brown;

"But I know when I'm weak, He's strong, when I can barely breathe, there's still a song. Even though it's hard right now, I'm not here on my own."

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 119: 1-8 Matthew 5:21-32

Sermon – "Anger and other stuff"

Rev. Skidmore

***Affirmation of Faith: (unision)**

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 # 387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

Offering

Prayer requests may be placed in the offering plate

***Doxology**

Dedication Prayer and Prayers of the People

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Skidmore

Postlude

Kay Howell



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:

Our Session & Our LPC Family, Our Pastor- Rev. Ardy Skidmore, Our Government Leaders, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, Military, Police Officers, Ruth Fitton, Bill Dehn, Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Katherine Griffin, Fannie Hathcock, Ruth Bowers, Bonnie Hovey, Karen Blakely, Stacy Thompson, Jade Ellis, Eddie Brown, John Allison, Family of Jerry Funderburke, Glenda Love-knee recovery-at her daughters, Kelly Whitley-cancer, Family of Mitchell Efird, Family of Keith Morton, Tommy Troutman-stroke-at home, Ray Bradford-VA hospital in Virginia.

February Greeter/Usher: Leah Joyner & Janice Hills

March Greeter/Usher: James & Greta Baucom

WEDNESDAY MEAL TEAMS (captains listed) see one to volunteer

Team 1 – Cindy Fish 3-4, 4-1, 5-6
Team 2 – Ardy Skidmore 3-11, 4-8, 5-13,
Team 3 – LPC Team **2-19**, 3-18, 5-20
Team 4 – Amy Ennis 2-26, 3-25, 4-22, 5-27
5th Wednesday Team – Girl Scout Troop – Contina Salyer – 4-29,

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS

Team 1 – Bob R, Ardy Skidmore, James B.
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki. Chris F. -
Team 3 - Nancy B, John H, Cindy F. – 2-24-20
Team 4 – Matt S, Fred W, Skip H. - 3-9-20

SESSION Clerk of Session – Michael Longhurst

Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst
Class of 21: Leah Joyner
Class of 22: Tammi Remsburg

MINISTERS: All of the Members of LPC

Stated Supply Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore - revardylpc@gmail.com
Organist: Kay Howell Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg
Treasurer: Cindy Fish Piano: Patsy Smith
Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg, Lilly Hall
Bulletin/Communications: Amy Ennis - abbiv4@yahoo.com / 704.622.5003

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

Session Committee Chairs:

Administration & Finance: Tammi Remsburg
Building & Grounds: Michael Longhurst
Congregational Life & Mission: Jane Blackman
Christian Education: Nancy Bartlett
Worship & Music: Leah Joyner

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339.

WE REJOICE THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPING WITH US

If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, speak to Rev. Ardy Skidmore. You may email her at revardylpc@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S BAGS: Children's activity bags are in the Narthex for them to use during worship service. Please return to the usher as you leave.

RECYCLE: We have a box in the Narthex for you to place your bulletins to be recycled. We hope you will take the notes home as a reminder!

MUSIC TODAY: We'll open today's worship with a great song, *Majesty*. Feel free to sing along. The anthem will be a new song to our choir. This is a great song with a great message. Listen carefully to *Big Enough*. Dennis Joyner will sing the solo. "I know God is big enough. He'll finish everything He starts; He'll meet us right here where we are."

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A congregational meeting will be held on March 1st immediately after worship to vote on partnering with Presbytery Disaster Assistance to develop a lease for a portion of our property for an ongoing mission project. This project is headed by a national group as part of the PCUSA and has been looking for a home base for over a year and have determined that using a portion of our property will fulfill their need. This was presented to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting last Sunday. If you haven't seen the presentation, please contact Rev. Ardy as you will need to have seen this before you vote.

WEDNESDAY DINNER: We invite everyone to join us for Wednesday dinners each week at 6:00pm. This week all teams will join to prepare the meal.

SAVE THE DATE: The 3 Presbyterian churches in Stanly are partnering together. On **February 23rd** First Pres Church, Albemarle will host a meal-packing event sponsored by all 3 churches. We will start packing meals at 3:00 p.m. to be shipped around the world. We are planning to pack about 15,000 meals over the course of 2 hours, so we will need your help! We will plan to leave LPC about 2:20pm. For more details or to sign up see Jane Blackman.

LPC WEBSITE: The church website is currently being updated to add new links and information. You can find the current bulletin, newsletter and an events calendar at www.locustpresbyterian.org. Also, **like** the LPC Facebook page to stay informed. **A new feature is the audio of the sermon is on the website.** Listed under Worship. Check it out! Thank you Tammi for recording these!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The New Beginnings Class started a new study two weeks ago taught by Jane Blackman! It is based on the book, *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. Come join in!

Psalm 119: 1-8

The Law of the Lord

119 Happy are those whose way is without blame, who walk in the Law of the Lord. ²Happy are those who keep His Law and look for Him with all their heart. ³They also do not sin, but walk in His ways. ⁴You have set down Laws that we should always obey. ⁵O, that my ways may be always in keeping with Your Law! ⁶Then I will not be put to shame when I respect Your Word. ⁷I will praise You with a heart that is right when I learn how right You judge. ⁸I will obey Your Law. Do not leave me all alone.

Matthew 5:21-32

Jesus Teaches about Anger and Killing

²¹“You have heard that men were told long ago, ‘You must not kill another person. If someone does kill, he will be guilty and will be punished for his wrong-doing.’ ²²But I tell you that whoever is angry with his brother will be guilty and have to suffer for his wrong-doing. Whoever says to his brother, ‘You have no brains,’ will have to stand in front of the court. Whoever says, ‘You fool,’ will be sent to the fire of hell. ²³If you take your gift to the altar and remember your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift on the altar. Go and make right what is wrong between you and him. Then come back and give your gift. ²⁵Agree with the one who is against you while you are talking together, or he might take you to court. The court will hand you over to the police. You will be put in prison. ²⁶For sure, I tell you, you will not be let out of prison until you have paid every piece of money of the fine.

Jesus Teaches about Husband and Wife

²⁷“You have heard that it was said long ago, ‘You must not do sex sins.’ ²⁸But I tell you, anyone who even looks at a woman with a sinful desire of wanting her has already sinned in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye is the reason you sin, take it out and throw it away. It is better to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰If your right hand is the reason you sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go to hell.

Jesus Teaches about Marriage

³¹“It has been said, ‘Whoever wants to divorce his wife should have it put in writing, telling her he is leaving her.’ ³²But I tell you, whoever divorces his wife except if she has not been faithful to him, makes her guilty of a sex sin. Whoever marries a woman who has been divorced is guilty of a sex sin.