

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK March 15 – 22

Today	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am	Choir Practice Sunday School Worship
Monday	6:15pm – 7:15 6:00pm – 8:00	Girl Scout Troop 1061 Meets at LPC Card Ministry Meets (night edition)
Tuesday	7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 202 Meets at LPC Court of Honor in Sanctuary
Wednesday	6:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm	Wednesday Dinner – LPC Team Cong. Life & Mission Mtg Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00-9:00am 9:30-11:30am 6:00pm	West Stanly Rotary in FH Card Ministry Meets Weight Watchers Meet in FH
Saturday	8:00am	Girl Scout Yard Sale @ LPC
Sunday	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am	Choir Practice Sunday School Worship – Girl Scout Sunday Girl Scouts will lead our Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Lunch Bunch @ Pier 51 in Concord – Bingo after Lunch
Tuesday, March 24, 11:00am

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 6:30pm

Spring Clean Up Day @ LPC
Saturday, March 28, 9:00am

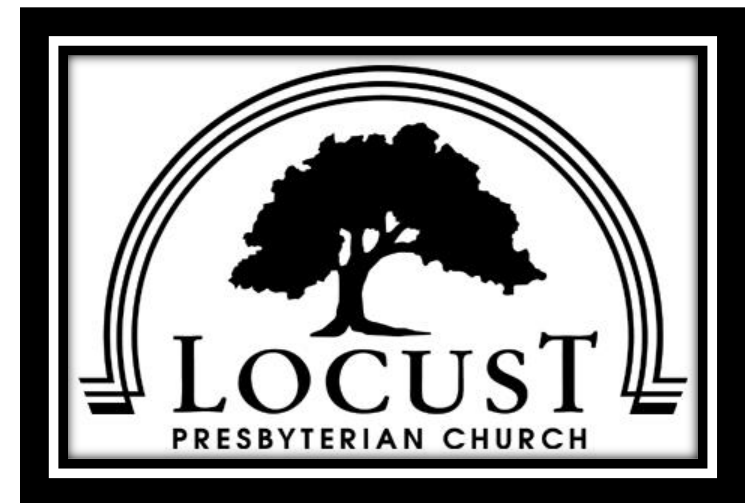
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday)

10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering Collected
Sunday, April 12, during worship (Easter Sunday)

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3rd Sunday of Lent



Our Mission:

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

March 15, 2020

*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 Great Is the Lord

LPC Choir

“Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love.”

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

ONE: O come, let us worship and bow down:

MANY: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

ONE: The hour is coming and is now here.

MANY: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise: # 356 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Call to Confession

Rev. Skidmore

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God’s love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us a new and right spirit.

Forgive when we judge others, when we are not tolerant or accepting.

Help us to see as you see. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

Children’s Message

Children are invited to join Rev. Ardy at the front

Anthem: Blood of Jesus Be My All

LPC Choir

“Blood of Jesus, be my all, all my hope and righteousness. In Your mercy let me fall on Your grace and nothing less.”

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 96 & Matthew 7:1-6

Sermon – “Logs and Dogs” Rev. Skidmore

Affirmation of Faith: from *A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 368 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”**

Offering *Prayer requests may be placed in the offering plate*

***Doxology**

Dedication Prayer and Prayers of the People

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn “May You Run and Not Be Weary” *see insert*

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, Bill, Helen, Virginia, Katherine, Fannie, Ruth, Bonnie, Karen, Glenda--knee recovery, Tanya, Nancy, Kelly-cancer, Tommy, Ray, David, Eugene, Peggy-heart concerns.

March Greeter: Greta Baucom

Ushers: James Baucom, Dennis Joyner, Scott Hall & Rex Hovey

March Offering Counters: Chris Fish & Greta Baucom

WEDNESDAY MEAL TEAMS (captains listed) see one to volunteer

Team 1 – Cindy Fish 4-1, 5-6
Team 2 – Ardy Skidmore 4-8, 5-13,
Team 3 – LPC Team **3-18**, 5-20
Team 4 – Amy Ennis 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, James B. – 3-23-20, 5-18-20, 7-13-20
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki, Chris F. – 4-6-20, 6-1-20, 7-27-20
Team 3 - Nancy B, John H, Cindy F. – 4-20,20, 6-15-20, 8-10-20
Team 4 – Matt S, Fred W, Skip H. – 5-4-20, 6-29-20, 8-24-20

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 WORSHIPPING 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: This is the third Sunday of the season of Lent. The Choir will open worship today with an upbeat song that is based on Psalm 96 (our scripture today). It is a Michael W. Smith song from a few years back. Join in if you wish as the choir sings, *Great is the Lord*. The anthem today is a new song for the choir featuring a solo by Dennis Joyner. It has fantastic words as we face either individual challenges or worldwide challenges like the Covid-19 virus. No matter what, we know that God is *Big Enough*.

WEDNESDAY DINNER: We invite everyone to join us for Wednesday dinners each week at 6:00pm. This week the LPC Team will prepare the meal which will be – pizza, salad and dessert.

CONREGATIOANAL LIFE COMMITTEE: Do you have a desire to serve on the Congregational Life & Mission Committee? We need you! Join us following dinner Wednesday at 6:45pm in the New Beginning Classroom.

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH: Please note the change in the date for Senior Lunch Bunch will be on March 24. Leave LPC at 11:00am for Pier 51 in Concord.

SPRING CLEAN UP: The Building & Grounds Committee are planning a SPRING CLEAN UP and want you to save the date of Saturday, March 28. We will begin around 9am. In case of rain – April 4th will be the date.

WEST STANLY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY: The food pantry at WSCM is low in the following items. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and used wisely. Oatmeal, grits, cereal bars, pancake syrup, canned potatoes, boxed pasta side dishes, spaghetti, canned ham, spam, small dish detergent. When you are purchasing items for the pantry, it's much more efficient and effective for if you purchase package sizes that are **NOT** the big "family size" containers.

BOYSCOUTS: Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 202 will begin meeting at LPC on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 PM. The Troop will be holding their quarterly Court of Honor in the sanctuary that night. This is a time where the Scouts are presented with the merit badges and rank advancements which they have earned. Visitors are always welcome to come see what is going on. If the weather and other factors cooperated, the Boy Scout sign from Mission was moved to be near the Church Street and West Main intersection. Plans include adding a sign to promote Girl Scout Troop 1061.

Psalm 96

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his^[a] holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- ¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- ¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Matthew 7:1-6

Judging Others

⁷ "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

⁶ "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.