

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK March 1 – 5

Today	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship – Communion
	12:15pm	Congregational Mtg regarding Presbytery Disaster Assistance Building
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 – Cindy & Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00-9:00am	West Stanly Rotary in FH
	9:30-11:30am	Card Ministry Meets
	6:00pm	Weight Watchers Meet in FH
Saturday		Spring Forward-Daylight Savings
Sunday	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
		10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Boy Scouts first meeting at LPC  
Tuesday, March 10, 7:00pm

Girl Scout Yard Sale at LPC  
Saturday, March 21, 6:00am

Senior Lunch Bunch  
Tuesday, March 24, 11:00am

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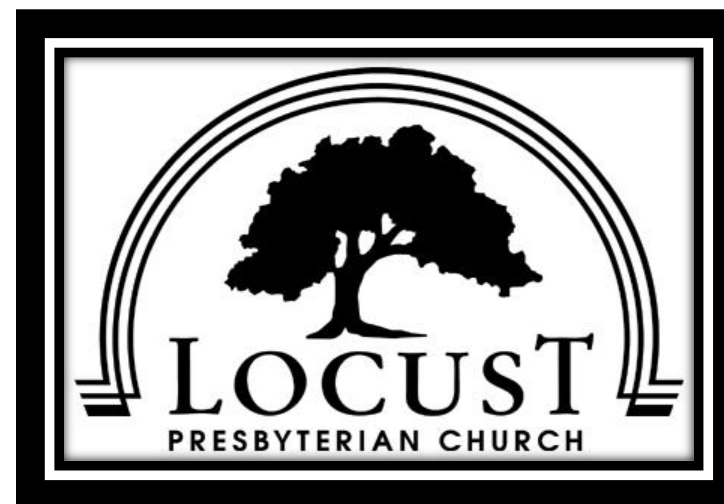
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Check out our Facebook page for up to date events and information



*March 1, 2020*



**Our Mission:**

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

\*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 Sanctuary**

**LPC Choir**

"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You."

## **GATHERING**

### **Call to Worship:**

ONE: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**MANY: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

ONE: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**MANY: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

ONE: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**MANY: We worship the Lord our God alone.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

### **Call to Confession**

**Rev. Skidmore**

Trusting in the mercy, the grace and the forgiveness of our God, let us come humbly before the foot of the cross and confess our sin and our need for the Savior.

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**God of the wilderness, as we travel this road to the cross, we are reminded that You carried the burden of our sins, You know when we turn away from you, You know when we live in the world rather than in the Word. And we know that you are a God of grace, mercy and forgiveness. Feed us with the bread of life, cover us with your steadfast love, forgive us, even when we don't realize how much we need your forgiveness. Hear the burdens on our heart as our spirit cries out to your Spirit from the silence of our soul.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Rev. Skidmore**

### **Children's Message**

*Children are invited to join Rev. Ardy at the front*

## **Anthem: At Your Feet**

**LPC Choir**

"Here at Your feet, I lay my future down. All of my dreams I give to You now and I find peace."

## **THE WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 & Matthew 6:1-18**

**Sermon – "Praying, Fasting and Giving" Rev. Skidmore**

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Rev. Skidmore**

### **Communion Liturgy**

**All People**

One: The Lord be with you

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **The Words of Institution**

**Rev. Skidmore**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn of Worship # 80 "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"**

### **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**

**Congregational Meeting regarding PDA Building**



**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-at her daughters, Kelly-cancer, Tommy, Ray, David, Eugene-test results.

**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           **3-4**, 4-1, 5-6  
Team 2 – Ardy Skidmore    3-11, 4-8, 5-13,  
Team 3 – LPC Team         3-18, 5-20  
Team 4 – Amy Ennis         3-25, 4-22, 5-27  
5<sup>th</sup> 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.  
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](mailto: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](mailto:abbiv4@yahoo.com) / 704.622.5003

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Amy Ennis at [abbiv4@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Welcome to the season of Lent. As we prepare for Easter and reflect on our relationship with Christ. We'll open today's worship with a simple song, *Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary*. Sing along if you wish! Our anthem today is appropriate for Lent as we try to improve our relationship with our Savior. The choir will be singing a song made famous by the group Casting Crowns. We hope you enjoy *At Your Feet*.

**CONGREGATIONAL MTG:** There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately after the service for the vote on the mission project. Only members who have seen the presentation can vote. It will be by ballot that the ushers will pass out and collect and two session members will stand in front to count. There needs to be a 3/4 majority vote to determine outcome.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** Rise Against Hunger event was a huge success. Over 100 volunteers –from our three Presbyterian Churches in Stanly County – were able to pack over 23,000 meals in under two hours. Many of our LPC folks and the girls from Troop 1061 participated and made this huge impact. These meals will be used either for helping in disaster areas or for school meals in areas experiencing hunger in the world. Boy Scout Troop 202 helped yesterday with the Albemarle Rotary Club's event. Check out the LPC Facebook for pictures!

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

**BOYSCOUTS:** Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 202 delayed their move one week will begin meeting at LPC on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The delay was to get the room finished. All boys from Kindergarten to age 18 are welcome to join and be a part of these fantastic units.

**SINGING AMERICANS:** The Singing Americans of Stanly County will begin their patriotic season with a meet and greet at Grace Baptist Church in Albemarle at 6:00 PM on March 24. All are welcome to come join in song! See Bob for info.

**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](http://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!

## Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

**4** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” **4** Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’<sup>[b]</sup>” **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6** “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’<sup>[c]</sup>”

**7** Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’<sup>[d]</sup>” **8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9** “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” **10** Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’<sup>[e]</sup>” **11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## Giving to the Needy Matthew 6:1-18 (NIV)

**6** “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

**2** “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **3** But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

## Prayer

**5** “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **6** But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **7** And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. **8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**9** “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
**10** your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

**11** Give us today our daily bread.

**12** And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**13** And lead us not into temptation,<sup>[a]</sup>  
but deliver us from the evil one.<sup>[b]</sup>

**14** For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

## Fasting

**16** “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **17** But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, **18** so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.