

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

March 25 – Easter Sunday April 1

Today	9:30 am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship – PALM SUNDAY
Monday	7:00pm	Bible Study with Evan Amo
Tuesday	11:00am	Senior Lunch Bunch Johnny's Farmhouse – Concord
	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	7:00pm	Worship Committee Mtg
Thursday	7:00am	West Stanly Rotary Meeting in FH
	6:00pm	Weight Watchers Meeting in FH
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday		Good Friday
Saturday	2:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt at LPC
Sunday	7:00am	Sunrise Service in Cemetery Breakfast following in FH
	9:30 am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship – Easter Worship

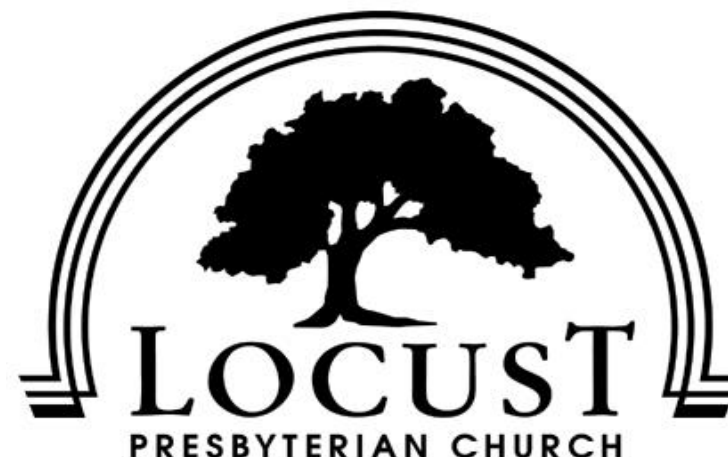
UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Lunch Bunch	April 24, 11:00am
Session Meeting	April 24, 7:00pm
Boy Scout Yard Sale at LPC	May 5
Mother's Day Lunch	May 13
Presbytery Mtg @ Myers Park PC	May 15, 9:30am
Family Movie Night at LPC	May 18
Spring Outdoor Worship & Lunch	May 20, 11:00am
Session Meeting	May 22, 7:00pm
Senior Lunch Bunch	May 29, 11:00am
Finish the Race – 5k	June 1, 6:30pm
VBS Campout	August 10

LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN

March 25

Palm Sunday



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.

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LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11:00am

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

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Honoring Birthdays and Anniversaries

Children's Message

***Opening Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
#89 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Distribution of Palms by Children during hymn

***Call to Worship:**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Many: Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer:

We praise you, O God,

for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph

and was proclaimed Messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Let these branches be signs of his victory,

and grant that we who carry them

may follow him in the way of the cross,

that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Evan Amo

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace

WORSHIP COMM. MTG

Members of the Worship Committee are reminded we will meet on Wed at 7pm.

SESSION MEETING

The monthly session meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Dearest Friends;

Over the past two years there had been much discussion regarding the status of Locust Presbyterian Church and its relationship to the Charlotte Presbytery and PCUSA. Sadly, over time these discussions became contentious and led to the departure of many of our friends.

The Session gave careful considerations to the impact of leaving PCUSA and the further upheaval it would cause to our church family.

Locust Presbyterian Church has always been unique with members of varying theological and political outlooks but still coming together to worship and represent the body of Christ. In seeking to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ as witnessed by the Scriptures, the PCUSA has a historical commitment to social justice. Over the years, the PCUSA has interpreted God's vision of social justice in ways that today might be considered more progressive, and there have been positions and matters of stated policy from the General Assembly that many members of LPC disagree with. It should be noted that within PCUSA our church is not alone in voicing their differing opinions. PCUSA have allowed each church to act in accordance with their conscience.

At the December 2017 Session meeting a vote was held with regard to the discernment process and LPC leaving PCUSA. The Session decided that the current circumstances did not warrant the breaking away from PCUSA. But the Session also wanted to make it clear that should there be any attempts by PCUSA to enforce policies deemed contrary to the independent nature of LPC; the process of discernment would be explored at that time.

Christopher Fish, Clerk of Session

March 22, 2018 (*this letter was also mailed to all members*)

so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor
 #88 Presbyterian Hymnal

*Benediction

Evan Amo

Postlude



Our Church Website

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BULLETIN & PRAYER CONCERN

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or a prayer concern please submit to Amy Bates @ abbiv4@yahoo.com or leave message at 704.622.5003. Bulletin information needs to be submitted by noon on Thursdays.

LPC FINANCIAL UPDATE
Needed Weekly in General Fund: \$ 3,072.00
Given Last Week General Fund: \$

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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, Fannie Hathcock, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Allen Linker-surgery recovery, Amanda Thomas-tumor, Brandon Furr, Robin & Family, Kenneth Hosack David Hartsell-Clear Creek Rehab Center, Patsy Smith-Seizures, Joe Garzoni-Peggy's son, PRAISE-Maverick has returned to Locust.

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

March Greeters: Cindy Fish & Fred Wickert
March Head Usher: Gene Colavito

April Greeters: Lauren & James
April Head Usher: John Haggerty SR

ACOLYTES - Lilly Hall
 Emma Salyer, Jady Salyer, Emma Haggerty

COLLECTION COUNTERS – To Volunteer see Cindy Fish
 3-25 Chris Fish & Michael Longhurst
 4-1 Amy Bates & Joan Hall

MEAL TEAMS **Robin Hill-1st Wed, Cindy Fish- 3rd Wed & Contina Salyer-5th Wed.**

April 4-No meal-school out May 2
 April 18 May 16
 May 30

ELDERS

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Dianne Haggerty 18	Ray Bradford 19	Nancy Bartlett 20
Matt Salyer 18	Chris Fish 19	Jane Balckman 20
Lee Smith 18	Joan Hall 19	Michael Longhurst 20

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

MINISTERS: All of the Members of LPC

Pastor: Evan Amo
 Youth Leader:
 Piano: Patsy Smith
 Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg & Maverick Baucom

Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg
 Organist: Kay Howell
 Treasurer: Cindy Fish

PASTOR EVAN AMO

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339. During other times Evan can be reached at 714.397.4832.

MUSIC NOTES

Palm Sunday is a day of celebration with Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem. We'll open the service with the traditional hymn, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*. The choir anthem is a great Michael W. Smith song from 30 or so years ago with the simple title, *Hosanna*. The words are easy and we welcome you to sing along. During the offering the choir will share a fun song called *Blessed is He*. We'll close the service with a another traditional Palm Sunday hymn, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*. Laud is not a common word used in 2018 but it means to offer praise to someone. May you continue to laud Jesus this Holy week! Blessings!

PALM SUNDAY

Today is Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week. Time to invite a friend to join us at LPC. We will have a Maundy Thursday service on March 29 at 7:00pm. Sunrise Service in the Cemetery on Easter morning followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School at 10 and Worship at 11.

BIBLE STUDY

We began our bible study studying the Book of Revelation last Monday, at 7:00pm led by Evan Amo. Come discover the saving power of the Christ on the cross as we explore the cryptic and dramatic world depicted in the Apocalypse of Jesus Christ.

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH

Meet Tuesday at 11 at LPC to travel to Johnny's Farmhouse Rest on Copperfield Road in Concord. Details? See Glenda Love.

LPC EGG HUNT

We will be having an Easter egg hunt on Saturday March 31 at 2:00 for the youth. Bring a friend and join the fun. For more details see Dianne Haggerty.

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Please note that we will **not** have a meal on April 4. School is out that week for Spring Break and our custom is no meal if school is out. Enjoy the break and mark your calendar for the next meal on April 18.

SINGING AMERICANS

The Singing Americans will begin practice for their summer patriotic concerts on Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM at Grace Baptist Church in Albemarle. All singers are invited to join in this fun group which sings for God and country. For more information please see Bob Remsburg.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen, Amen.

Anthem: Hosanna

LPC Choir

Written by Michael W. Smith, Deborah D. Smith; Arranged by Cliff Duren

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offering

Musical Offering: Blessed Is He

LPC Choir

Written by Craig Adams, Tony Wood; Arranged by Russell Mauldin

Offering Response

*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*

Sermon Series: Postures of Renewal

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon: A King on a Donkey: Triumph or Abasement?

***Affirmation of Faith (Philippians 2:5-11)**

**Christ Jesus, who, though was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name, (cont. next page)**

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