

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK March 8 - 15

Today	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
		10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering
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 – Ardy & 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
Sunday	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boy Scouts first meeting at LPC in Sanctuary (Court of Honor)
Tuesday, March 17, 7:00pm

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

Girl Scout Sunday
Sunday, March 22

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

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

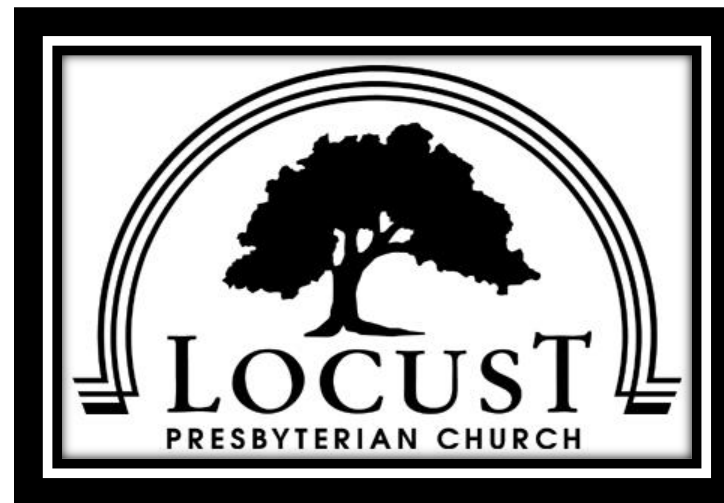
Senior Lunch Bunch @ Pier 51 in Concord – Bingo after Lunch
Tuesday, March 31, 11:00am

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)

PO Box 277, Locust, NC 28097

2nd 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 8, 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 Introit Praise You

LPC Choir

"Praise You, praise You. Let me life praise You. Praise You, praise You. Let me life, O Lord, praise You."

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

ONE: From where will our help come?

MANY: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ONE: Who is our keeper?

MANY: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

ONE: How long will God protect us?

MANY: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***Hymn of Praise: # 370 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

Call to Confession

Rev. Skidmore

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift, freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. Hear now the silent cries from our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

Children's Message

*Children are invited to join Rev. Ardy at the front
They will collect the 10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering*

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 121 & Matthew 6:19-34

Sermon – "Treasures, Trouble, Serving, Seeing" Rev. Skidmore

*Affirmation of Faith: (unison)

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 # 372 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

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 3-11, 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 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
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: This is the second Sunday of the season of Lent. The Choir will share a great song as the anthem today. It is *Blood of Jesus Be My All*. This song reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for the forgiveness of our sin. "In Your mercy let me fall on Your grace and nothing less. Hear this sinner call, blood of Jesus be my all."

WEDNESDAY DINNER: We invite everyone to join us for Wednesday dinners each week at 6:00pm. This week Rev. Ardy & Team will prepare the meal which will be - chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes and green beans.

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. Bring weed eaters, blowers, rakes, gloves, and a willingness to help! We need all folks to come out and clean the grounds for Easter.

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. That stretches the number of families served. In other words, we would rather serve three families with smaller containers of ketchup than one family with a huge one.

BOYSCOUTS: Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 202 delayed their move one week and 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. The delay was to get the room finished downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All boys from Kindergarten to age 18 are welcome to join and be a part of these fantastic units.

CENSUS: It's Census Time! Make sure you report all those in your house as you participate in the upcoming 2020 Census. It is important to ensure that we receive our fair share of federal dollars and representation. LPC is a Census Partner. Let's do our part! If you have questions see Bob Remsburg.

Psalm 121 A song of ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Treasures in Heaven Matthew 6:19-34

- ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,^[a] your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy,^[b] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Do Not Worry

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[c]?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.