

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK** May 19 - 26

Today	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Connect Hour
	11:00am	Worship - OUTDOOR
Monday	6:15pm – 7:15	Girl Scout Troop Meets at LPC
Tuesday	9:30am	Presbytery Mtg at Cooks PC
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00am	West Stanly Rotary Meeting
	6:00pm	Weight Watchers Meet in FH
Sunday	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Connect Hour
	11:00am	Worship

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday Community Meals (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Wed)  
Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Senior Lunch Bunch ~ Hosted by Ruth & Eugene  
Tuesday, May 28, 11:00am @ Golden Corral Matthews

Session Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28, 7:00pm

Ardy's Service of Ordination @ Central Steele Creek PC  
Saturday, June 1, 2:00pm 9401 S Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28273

Graduation Sunday & Covered Dish  
Sunday, June 2, 11:00am

American Red Cross Blood Drive at LPC  
Monday, June 10, 2:30 – 7:00pm

**LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN**

*May 19, 2019*



**Our Mission:**

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

*We welcome any visitors who may be with us today.  
May the Lord bless our fellowship time together!*

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

ONE: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**ALL: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

ONE: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**ALL: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

## **Morning Prayer**

**\*Song of Praise: Seek Ye First** Hymn #333

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

### **Call to Confession:**

**Ardy Skidmore**

### **Prayer of Confession: (unision)**

**Gracious and loving God, hear my hearts cry. Help me when I fail to see you in others. Help me have the courage to love my enemies, to care more for others than myself, to take the time to hear and truly see others as you do. Lord too often I look through lenses of my own self importance or my unworthiness. Forgive me Lord for not loving others as You have loved us. Lord help me trust in your mercy, in your forgiveness and in your love.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Children's Message**

**Ardy Skidmore**

### **Anthem: Let There Be Praise**

**LPC Choir**

### **Scripture: Acts 11 1-18**

**Ardy Skidmore**

### **Sermon: "Gifts & Gatorbites"**

### **Affirmation of Faith: (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: Walking in the Sunlight**

Walking in sunlight all of my journey,  
Over the mountains through the deep vale;  
Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake thee,"  
Promise divine that never can fail.

#### *Refrain*

Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight,  
Flooding my soul with glory divine;  
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,  
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

Shadows around me, shadows above me  
Never conceal my Savior and Guide;  
He is the Light, in Him is no darkness;  
Ever I'm walking close to His side.

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,  
Pressing my way to mansions above;  
Singing His praises gladly I'm walking,  
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love

### **Offering**

### **\*Doxology**

### **Dedication Prayer and Prayers of the People**

### **\* Charge & Benediction**

**Ardy Skidmore**

**MUSIC TODAY:** Since we are outside today, we'll sing some familiar hymns that we can manage without musical accompaniment. The choir plans to share a great song, *Let There Be Praise*. This song has been sung by choirs and churches all over the world. Feel free to sing along.

**SERVICE TODAY:** Our Outdoor Worship tradition goes back to around 1990 when we thought it would be fun to get outside under the oak tree and come to church in our shorts! We move outside on the Sunday before Memorial Day and the Sunday after Labor Day each year. *NO lunch today – since we will have a covered dish lunch on June 2.*

**PRESBYTERY MEETING:** The 142nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. Location: Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church (3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road, Charlotte). At this meeting our Presbytery Ardy will be examined by the committee on Ministry.

**SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH:** The Senior Lunch Bunch will be meeting at LPC on Tuesday, May 28 at 11:00am to travel to the Golden Coral in Matthews. This month's hosts are Ruth & Eugene. Make plans to join them.

**ORDINATION SERVICE:** Ardy's Service of Ordination will be held on Saturday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>** at Central Steele Creek PC at 2:00pm, We'll plan to have the van/carpools to travel to this special service. Leaving LPC at approximately 12:45pm. We hope you will make plans to attend this special service. The following day Ardy will be administering her first communion as our Stated Supply Pastor!!!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday June 2 during worship. Ardy would like any parent with a high school or college student that is graduating please let her know how they were named at Baptism and if they would please plan on attending on June 2nd.

**CELEBRATION LUNCH:** We will be having a celebration lunch following worship on June 2 to honor our graduates and celebrate Ardy becoming our Stated Supply Pastor. Plan to invite family and friends to join us!

**WEDNESDAY DINNER:** Our Girl Scout Troop will prepare the meal on Wednesday, May 29. This will be our last one before Summer Break!

**LANDSCAPE PROJECT:** We have restored the shrubs & mulch and that is **not** covered in our current budget. If you would like to make a donation toward this project (approx. cost is \$1,500.00) please mark your envelope for Landscape Update. **We have collected approx. \$750 so far!!! Please consider donating.**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:**

**Our Session & Our LPC Family**, Our Government Leaders, LPC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, Our Military. Our Police Officers, Bill Dehn Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Katherine Griffin, Fannie Hathcock, David Hartsell, Ruth Bowers, Ray Bradford, Jerry Linker-leukemia, Kay Baucom-recovery, Patsy Wolcott-surgery, Caroline Morton-Chisolm-cancer treatments, Larry Greer, Cheri Hinson- surgery Tuesday, Steve Blankenship-safe travels to Thailand. Scott Hall-recovery from leg repair, Michael Longhurst-heart procedure. Justin Baucom – safe travels for study abroad to Argentina, Sam Busch-son of past LPC minister-recovery from auto accident, Annette Hartsell-Webb- 4 broken ribs,

**May Greeter: Larry Baucom & Vicki Higgins**  
**May Head Usher: Eugene**

**BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS**

Team 1 – Bob R, Ruthi J, James B. – 6-17-19  
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki H, Chris F. - 7-1-19  
Team 3 -Nancy B, John H, Cindy F. – **5-20-19** 7-15-19  
Team 4 – Matt S, Fred W., Skip H. - 6-3-19 7-29-19

**SESSION Clerk of Session – Chris Fish**

Class of 19: Ray Bradford, Chris Fish, Joan Hall  
Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst  
Class of 21: Leah Joyner

Bulletin Announcements or prayer request:  
Amy Bates at [abbiv4@yahoo.com](mailto:abbiv4@yahoo.com) or 704.622.5003

**Session Committee Chairs:**

*Administration & Finance Chair:* Chris Fish  
*Christian Education Co-Chairs:* Joan Hall, Nancy Bartlett, Leah Joyner  
*Building & Grounds Co-Chairs:* Ray Bradford  
*Worship & Music Chair:* Michael Longhurst, Leah Joyner  
*Congregational Life Co-Chairs:* Jane Blackman.

*Mission, Outreach & Membership Co-Chairs:* Jane Blackman & Michael Longhurst

**MINISTERS: All of the Members of LPC**

Stated Supply Pastor: Ardy Skidmore Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg  
Organist: Kay Howell Piano: Patsy Smith  
Treasurer: Cindy Fish  
Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg, Maverick Baucom, Lilly Hall

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You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

### **Our Church Website**

[www.locustpresbyterian.org](http://www.locustpresbyterian.org)

Do you check out the church website? A calendar is listed there along with each week's bulletin to keep you informed if you miss a Sunday. We are working on adding more content.

### **Our Church Facebook**

**Locust Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Have you liked the LPC Facebook page? This page is full of up to date information, pictures and events. Please LIKE it today! Need help or have questions? CONTACT AMY BATES