

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*Card Ministry meets on Monday 6pm & Thursday 9:30am
- \*Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00pm. Plan to join us and invite a friend.
- \*The Mission and Card Ministry teams have joined together to sell homemade Christmas gift tags. All money raised will be used for mission and card ministry.
- \*Last week we collected boxes for Samaritan's Purse and tomorrow will be the last day. Thank you to Lee & Mary Ann Smith who organized and to all that volunteered.
- \* November Session Meeting will be Monday, November 30 at 7. Thank you to Michael Longhurst and Nancy Bartlett who are completing their term. Scott Hall, Contina Salyer were elected last week to serve a 3-year term and Jane Blackman will serve another year. They will be ordained and installed on January 10.
- \* Soup & Advent Bible Study Wednesday nights starting 12-2-20 at 6:30 with a soup meal and Bible study at 7:00pm.
- \*Congregational Life Committee is planning a drive-thru/delivery (*only*) pork BBQ sale on December 11. We need your help in the month of November to visit local businesses to take orders for lunch delivery. See Jane to volunteer for an area and get the order sheets and Deb Bradford to make cakes. See Matt Salyer or Scott Hall if you help with cooking or chopping. This will be plates only.
- \*Save the Date! We are planning a special family outdoor event on New Years Eve. The time will be 6-8. Details coming soon
- \*Save the Date! January 4<sup>th</sup> American Red Cross Blood Drive.

**SESSION Clerk of Session – Michael Longhurst**

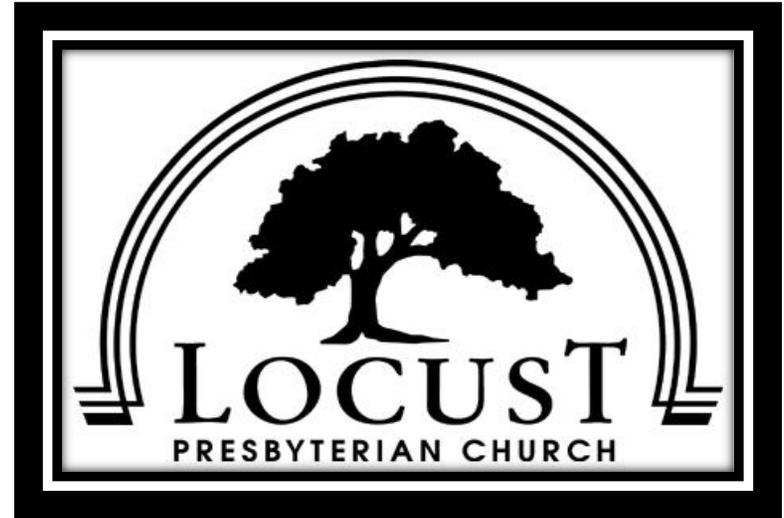
Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst

Class of 21: Leah Joyner

Class of 22: Tammi Remsburg

**November 22, 2020**

**Christ the King Sunday**



**Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

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### **Our Mission:**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Skidmore**

**Call to Worship:**

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

**MANY: Let us worship our God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords**

**Hymn of Praise: #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

**Call to Confession**

**Rev. Skidmore**

**Prayer of Confession: Each day Lord, we need rescuing, we need you to bring us back to your fold. We don't practice justice or mercy. We have become lazy in our abundance, and forgetful in our giving to others. Lord, you are our Savior, deliver us from our sin. Hear the cries of our heart.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture:** Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Matthew 25:31-46

**Sermon: "Seeking Sheep"**

**Rev. Skidmore**

**\*Profesion of Faith (unision)**

**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 #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

**Prayers of the People (prayer concerns)**

**Bill Dehn, Gay Troutman, Ray & Debra Bradford, Glenda Love, Kathryn Griffin, Eugene Colavito, Traci Baucom, Sharon Hinson, Jan Almond, Shella Hollowell, Jason Washburn, Garrett Ward, , Sheila Bolton, Jennifer Ruff, Peggy Garzoni, Ruth Bowers, Our Nation, Our Police Officers, Our Military.**

**Virginia Hartsell - Clear Creek Nursing Center Room 9 (6th Wing)  
10506 Clear Creek Commerce Drive, Mint Hill, NC 28227**

**Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\*\*Offering**

*Please place in plate in Narthex as you leave or mail to  
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Christ the King Sunday **celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe.** Officially called "The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King," it is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. The first Sunday in Advent will be next week, November 29.

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8).

### Psalm 95:1-7a

<sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
<sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

### Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

### Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,<sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

