

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congregational Life and Mission Committee monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30pm.**

***Reformation Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, October 25. Due to covid restrictions we will not gather with Albemarle or Norwood this year. Hope you will join us here!**

***Card Ministry meets on Monday 6pm & Thursday 9:30am**

*** LPC was awarded a Pharr Family Covid 19 Ministry Continuation grant through Charlotte Presbytery. It is a \$2,500 grant to purchase a camera system for live streaming. Thank you, Tammi and Committee, for working on the grant. Trevor Bates will be heading up installation for us and the equipment should be in mid-November.**

***The Mission and Card Ministry teams have joined together to sell homemade Christmas gift tags. They are busy putting these together and will be available for you to purchase soon. All money raised will be used for mission and card ministry.**

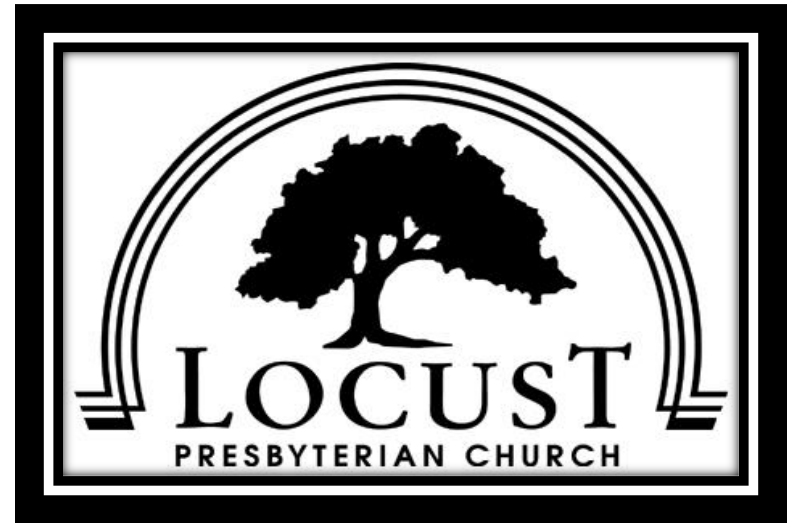
***We will be joining in with the Community Fall Festival (Truck or Treat) this year to be held on October 31. See Jane TODAY if you can help. It will be held at Locust Ballfields.**

***We will again be a collection site for Samaritan's Purse November 16th – 23rd. Lee & Mary Ann Smith will organize.**

***Congregational Life Committee is exploring the idea of a drive-thru/delivery pork BBQ sale on December 11. They are gathering information and will make a decision at the October meeting. They will be asking for volunteer commitments!**

***148th Stated Meeting of the Charlotte Presbytery will be Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 9:30 am by Zoom Meeting.**

October 18, 2020



Our Mission:

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Skidmore

Introit

Call to Worship:

ONE: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

MANY: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

ONE: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

MANY: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

Morning prayer

Rev. Skidmore

Hymn of Praise -#138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Call to Confession: The Psalmist says “then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgression to the Lord.’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.”

Prayer of Confession: Gracious loving God, this is your world and you have entrusted it to our care. Forgive us that we have squandered this precious gift. Forgive us that we don’t love our neighbors as you have called us to. Forgive us when we turn away from you and embrace the world instead. Hear the cries of our hearts.

Prayer of illumination

Scripture: Psalm 99 & Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon – “What Belongs to Whom?”

Rev. Skidmore

Affirmation 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 - #335 "Though I May Speak"

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, Sara Litman-broken leg,

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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Session Committee Chairs:

Administration & Finance: Tammi Remsburg

Building & Grounds: Michael Longhurst

Congregational Life & Mission: Jane Blackman

Christian Education: Nancy Bartlett

Worship & Music: Leah Joyner

#138 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity
Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity
Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

#335 – Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain:
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!

⁴Mighty King,^[a] lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.