

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* In 1993 a young Princeton Seminary graduate in Johnson City, Tennessee, Reverend William Richard "Rick" Hoffarth, II was called to the pastorate at LPC. Rev. Hoffarth with his wife Nancy and their three children, Katie, Will and Sherri served here till September, 1998. We are glad to have you with us today! Plan to join us for a covered dish lunch following Worship.

\*We will be collecting medications here on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 1:00 pm. Please help us get the word out and bring in your used, expired, or unwanted medications to dispose of in a safe and secure way! This is by Project Lazarus in Stanly County. For more information see Bob Remsburg.

\*Congregational Life "Come Have Lunch" will be October 20th at 11:30am. Brunswick stew & Pumpkin soup. Next dates - 11/17 & 12/15.

\*Workday at LPC will be October 30. Save the date and plan to come out to help. Scott Hall & Team will have a to do list!!

\*Trunk or Treat here on Saturday, October 30 4:00 – 6:00pm. Would you like to decorate your trunk or need more information. See Jane Blackman.

\* Fall Craft Fair/Chicken Dumplin Sale on 11/6/21 11a-4pm. Shop local vendors on the front lawn, order take out quart containers of chicken dumplings, red slaw, coffee and baked goods. Interested in setting up a vendor booth See Contina, Jane or Amy. A great place for local Christmas shopping!!

\*Congregational Life/Mission meetings - October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

\*Card Ministry meets on Monday 6pm & Thursday 9:30am. They have started to meet every other week so please contact Jane for the correct date.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

**Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Virginia Hartsell, Bill Dehn, Gay Troutman, Peggy Garzoni, Glenda Love, Charlie Higgins, Michael Longhurst, David Hartsell, David Micheal Gira-cancer on esophagus, Cindy Fish's-Aunt Dot.**

### **Session Committee Chairs and Meeting Dates**

*Clerk of Session* – Chris Fish

*Administration & Finance:* Tammi Remsburg

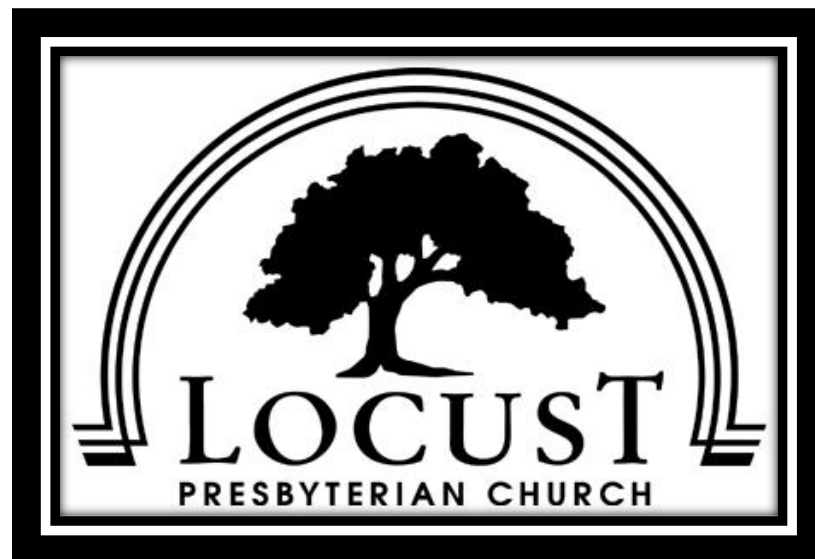
*Building & Grounds:* Scott Hall

*Christian Education:* Contina Salyer

*Congregational Life & Mission:* Jane Blackman

*Worship & Music:* Leah Joyner

**October 3, 2021**  
**Homecoming Sunday**



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

**Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

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<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Blake Salyer</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>C.J. Blackman</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Rev. Skidmore</b>
<b>Choral Introit: Lord God, Almighty</b>	<b>LPC Choir</b>
<b>Call to Worship:</b>	<b>Kay Baucom</b>
One: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.	
<b>All: We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.</b>	
One: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength for our weakness.	
<b>All: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth.</b>	
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Leah Joyner</b>
<b>Anthem:</b>	<b>LPC Choir</b>
<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>LPC Young Adults</b>
<b>*Hymn: #276 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</b>	
<b>Call to Confession</b>	<b>Rev. Skidmore</b>
God has set before us straight paths to follow, but we have stubbornly followed our own paths. God shows us the way of peace, but we choose the vanity of competition and strife. God gives us the day, but we flee into the deepest night. God is calling us now to repentance and new life.	
<b>Prayer of Confession: Holy and infinite God, look upon us, broken and bereaved and very finite, with compassion and consolation. We view your world with unseeing eyes. We listen to the cries of your hurting people with ears that do not hear and hearts that do not feel their plight. The wind blows among us, but we do not discern your Spirit. You offer wisdom and insight, but we reject your counsel. You present to us the gospel of salvation, but we turn away from its saving grace. You call us to be your ambassadors but we only represent ourselves. Forgive us, O God, and change the direction of our lives, so we act like your children and reflect your love into the world; for we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.</b>	
<b>Assurance of Pardon</b>	<b>Rev. Skidmore</b>

<b>Psalm 8</b>	<b>Emma Salyer</b>
<b>Prayer of Illumination</b>	<b>Rev. Rick Hoffarth</b>
<b>Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 &amp; Mark 4:1-20</b>	
<b>Sermon: "But What Are We Planting?" Rev. Rick Hoffarth</b>	
<b>Invitation to the Lord's Table</b>	
<b>Great Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Rev. Skidmore</b>
<b>Communion Liturgy</b>	<b>All People</b>
One: The Lord be with you	
<b>Many: And also with you.</b>	
One: Lift up your hearts.	
<b>Many: We lift them up to the Lord.</b>	
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God	
<b>Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>	
<b>Words of Institution and Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Skidmore</b>
<b>Prayer after Communion</b>	
<b>*Hymn: 333 "Seek Ye First"</b>	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>Rev. Skidmore</b>
<b>*Doxology-</b> 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	
<b>*Charge</b>	<b>Rev. Hoffarth</b>
<b>* Benedictions</b>	<b>Rev. Skidmore</b>
<b>*Sending Song - #2281 – "May You Run and Not Be Weary"</b>	
May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song.	
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.	
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.	
<b>PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH</b>	
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