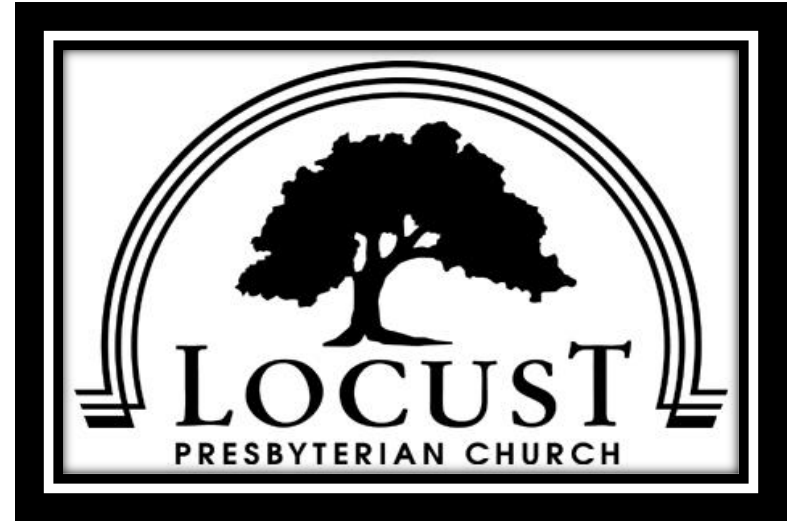


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Homecoming Sunday at LPC. Thank you to the folks that prepared the lunches today! We are glad you are here!

- *Boy Scout Yard Sale at LPC on 10-10-20.
- *The second meeting of the Warehouse Mission Project will be Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 in the Fellowship hall.
- *Congregational Life and Mission Committee monthly meeting will be on October 21st at 6:30pm.
- *Reformation Sunday will be celebrated October 25.
- *Ladies of Locust (LOL) will meet Tuesday at 7:00pm.
- *Card Ministry meets on Monday 6pm & Thursday 9:30am
- *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 if you would like to 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!
- *West Stanly Rotary began back with breakfast meetings at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The Mission Team cooks/serves the breakfast. They meet on Thursday. Can you help one week? – See Rev. Ardy

October 4, 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

Call to Worship:

ONE: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

MANY: His steadfast love endures forever.

Morning prayer

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: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. We all fall short of Your glory, we all sin and we all need you Lord, our God and Savior. Hear our hearts as we want to do what is right, but follow the ways of the world instead of you. Hear our minds as we want to trust in you, but turn away. Hear our spirit as we know what you have called us to do, but follow our flesh instead. Hear the cries of our hearts as we in silence come before you and our neighbor with our confessions.

Assurance of Pardon

“In Christ Alone”

Teal Renzema

Prayer of illumination

Scripture: Psalm 78: 1-8 & Luke 15:11-32

Sermon – “Homecoming”

Rev. Skidmore

Anthem – “Oceans” - Michaela Denise Hinson, Teal Renzema

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Skidmore

Sharing the elements

Hymn # 280 – “Amazing Grace”

Prayers of the People (prayer concerns)

Bill Dehn, Gay Troutman, Ray & Debra Bradford, Glenda Love, Kathryn Griffin, Eugene Colavito, Joan Hall-knee surgery rehab, Bill Downer-stroke-wife name is Linda,

Traci Baucom, Sharon Hinson, Jan Almond.

Praise: David Wallace Retirement, Praise birth of Judah Lee Ennis.

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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**1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

PSALM 78: 1-8

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

⁵ He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,

which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;

⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,

and rise up and tell them to their children,

⁷ so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,

but keep his commandments;

⁸ and that they should not be like their ancestors,

a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

Luke 15: 11-32

¹¹ Then Jesus[□] said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with[□] the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'[□] ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father[□] said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"