

**Our Mission:**

To be a place where people want and need to be – where God is glorified in Jesus Christ and real human needs are met. We will do this as Christ's Church through the power of the Holy Spirit as we worship, study, serve and fellowship.



**LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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607 West Main Street

Locust, NC 28097

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

Pastor: Evan Amo

Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg

Organist: Kay Howell

Piano: Patsy Smith

Treasurer: Cindy Fish

Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg, Maverick Baucom, Lilly Hall



September 23, 2018

*\*All who are able please stand, acceptable to remain seated also.*

**Prelude, Welcome**

**\*Hymn #482 Presbyterian Hymnal  
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

**\*Songs of Praise What a Friend (See Sidebar)**

**Children's Message  
(children may leave for the Nursery)**

**Prayer of Restoration**

**Anthem Immortal, Invisible** **LPC Choir**  
*Laura Story, Ed Cash; Arranged by Dave Williamson*  
"You're the God of forever and ever, Amen. Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End. We sing hallelujah, we worship You now, immortal, invisible God."

**Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 25:1-35**

**Sermon Series: God's Power In and Through Women**

**Sermon: The Blessing of Common Sense**  
**Rev. Carol Hassell**

**\*Responding to the Word: Affirmation of Faith**  
(Apostles Creed) – (see sidebar)

**Responding to the Word: Faith Conversations**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

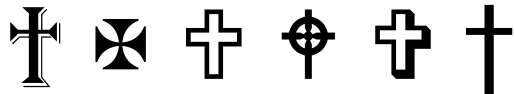
**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

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.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**



**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:** Our Session and Our LPC Family, Our Government Leaders, LPC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, LPC Choir, Our Military. Our Police Officers, Bill Dehn Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Katherine Griffin, Joe Garzoni-Peggy's son, Dana Guinn, Ron Lane, Traci Baucom, Fannie Hathcock, Family of Meghan White, Bill Hollowell, Family of Archie Joyner, Brandon Furr-son-in-law of Robin Hill, Deb & Ray Bradford, Larry Baucom-knee repair tomorrow. Our friends and neighbors cleaning up from Hurricane Florence

**Praise Song What a Friend**

*by Matt Maher, Adam Palmer, Matthew Hein, Abbie Parker*

Everybody has trials and temptations, oo, oo  
Everybody knows heart break, isolation, oo, oo  
But we can lay our burdens down (our burdens down)  
Lay our burdens down

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
East to west my sins are gone  
I see grace on every horizon  
And forever and ever His heart is my home,  
oo, oo, oo

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries,  
oo, oo  
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation, oo, oo  
But we can lay our burdens down (our burdens down)  
Lay our burdens down

What a friend we have in Jesus  
East to west my sins are gone  
I see grace on every horizon  
And forever and ever His heart is my home

No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
How He has proven it over and over (2x)  
Over and over

What a friend we have in Jesus  
East to west my sins are gone  
I see grace on every horizon  
And forever and ever His heart is my home  
(2x)  
Forever and ever His heart is my home

**\*Responding to the Word: Affirmation of Faith**  
(from *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**

**MUSIC NOTES:** A new Praise Song today. This one includes the phrase "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", but it is a very new and upbeat song with some great new words. You will find it hard not to be tapping your feet. So, go ahead and tap away! We'll also sing a great hymn, *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*. This hymn dates to the mid 1600s in Germany and was translated into English in 1863. The anthem today is a Laura Story song, *Immortal, Invisible*.

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY MEALS:** Thanks to Robin Hill and her cooking team for a wonderful meal this past Wednesday. Don't miss the next meal. The Wednesday family meals for October are October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Fish team cooks the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Robin Hill's team the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you can help either team please speak to one of these ladies.

**NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP:** The New Beginnings Connect Group will began a new study today. The study will be Rachel Held Evans' new book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. Invite a friend – all are welcome!

**SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH:** The Senior Lunch Bunch is looking to starting back their monthly lunch dates this Tuesday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Leaving LPC at 11:00am and traveling to Johnnys Farmhouse in Concord. Questions or want to help please see Vicki Higgins.

**CONCERT & FIREWORKS** On Friday evening, **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** the summer concert finale will be held behind City Hall. The Fantastic Shakers will perform followed by a huge firework finale.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY YARD SALE: RESCHUDLED** We are excited to be partnered with 1st Presbyterian Albemarle and 1st Presbyterian Norwood for the next Stanly County Habitat build sometime later this fall. Habitat for Humanity is a reputable international non-profit that fights poverty by helping people in need achieve affordable housing and home-ownership. Our goal is to raise \$5000.00 for Habitat and this build project. We need your help with spreading the word and collecting items to sell in a big yard sale on the front lawn on **October 6**. Please contact Jane Blackman (210) 889-7932 or Chris Fish (704) 451-5329 to schedule a time for item drop off or to volunteer to help with the sale. Working on site on a Habitat build is a very fun and rewarding experience, and a great way to invite people into the life of our church. If you are interested in joining one of our LPC construction crews please let Evan or Chris know--no experience needed.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP: RESCHUDLED** A very special Outdoor Worship and fun day is being planned for Next Sunday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Bring you lawn chair/blanket to enjoy the day. We have invitations available for you to pick up and use to invite family & friends. We also have a sign up sheet for helping with event and making a freezer of ice-cream. The hot dog lunch will be provided and a slide will be on site along with other fun activities.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING:** LPC Homecoming Sunday will **October 21**. Please save this date and invite others!

**REFORMATION SUNDAY:** LPC will again be joining in a Stanly County Joint Reformation Sunday at First Pres-Albemarle. Jan Edmiston will be the speaker. Please plan to join in this special service. It will be on **Sunday, October 28**.

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

**Elder Session Members Clerk of Session – Chris Fish**  
Class of 18: Diane Haggerty, Matt Salyer, Lee Smith  
Class of 19: Ray Bradford, Chris Fish, Joan Hall  
Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339. During other times Pastor Evan can be reached at 714.397.4832.

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**Our Servanthood Schedule... No Service is too Small...**

September Greeters: Fred Wickert & Chris Fish  
September Head Usher: James Baucom

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**COLLECTION COUNTERS** – To Volunteer see Cindy Fish  
September – Chris Fish

**NURSERY** – To Volunteer see Joan Hall & Diane Haggerty

**BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS**

Team 1 – Bob R, Ruthi J, James B. – 11-5-18  
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki H, Chris F, 11-19-18  
Team 3 - Nancy B, Robin H, John H, Cindy F. – 9 -24-18 & 12-3-18  
Team 4 – Ray B, Deb B, Skip H. - 10-8-18 & 12-17-18  
Team 5 – Evan A, Matt S, Fred W. – 10-22-18 & 12-31-18

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK** September 23 – 30

<b>Today</b>	9:15 am 10:00am 11:00 am	Choir Practice Worship Connect Time
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00am 7:00pm	Senior Lunch Bunch Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	West Stanly Rotary Meeting in FH Weight Watchers Meeting in FH Walk with God Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00am	Choir Practice Worship Connect Time

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Walk with God Group  
Thursday, 6:30pm

Community Wed. Meals (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed)  
Wednesday, October 3 and 17, 6:00pm

Yard Sale for Habitat  
Saturday, October 6, 8:00am

Outdoor Fall Fun Day-Worship  
Sunday, October 7, 10am – 2:00pm

Session Meeting  
Tuesday, October 23, 7:00pm

Senior Lunch Bunch (last Tuesday of the Month)  
Tuesday, October 30, 11:0am

**Session Committee Chairs:**

*Administration & Finance Chair:* Chris Fish

*Christian Education Co-Chairs:* Joan Hall, Matt Salyer & Nancy Bartlett.

*Building & Grounds Co-Chairs:* Matt Salyer, Ray Bradford & Lee Smith.

*Worship & Music Chair:* Michael Longhurst.

*Congregational Life Co-Chairs:* Diane Haggerty and Jane Blackman.

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

**CARE OUTREACH GROUP** In a desire to expand our outreach to the community, LPC is considering providing divorce and separation support to those in need. Several facilitators with experience related with divorce and separation, or an interest in showing compassion to those hurting will be needed. Materials for facilitation provided by curriculum. This is 13 week course and we are looking toward a January start. Please see Michael Longhurst or Amy Bates for questions.

**KIDS CONNECT:** During our Connect time after church, the young people of the church will start learning hand bells and puppetry. We will also still have our fun lessons as we have had during Sunday School in the past. We plan to use our new talents in the worship service. We hope you will join us for this fun way to praise God! (If you are young at heart and want to help the youngsters with bells and puppets, let Tammi Rensburg know.)