Join us for homecoming lunch following worship in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, October 25 will be Reformation Sunday and November 1 will be All Saints Sunday. Invite a friend to join you for worship!

Come Have Lunch on Wednesday, October 21st for Oktoberfest! This is a community event and one you will not want to miss!!! This is a great time to invite a friend to join you.

Trunk & Treat here on Sunday, October 25th, 4:00 to 6:00pm hosted by Girl Scout Troop 1061, Cub Pack 202 & Boy Scout Troop 202 all of which are based at our church. For more information see Matt or Contina Salyer. This is a community event.

West Stanly Christian Ministry is seeking donations of canned vegetables. Please place in the basket, and we will take each week.

Bible Study - Invitation to Romans Disciple Study continues this Wednesday in the Prayer Shawl Room at 6pm. *NO* meeting on October 28th and will conclude on November 11th.

The Pregnancy Resource Center is bringing its Mobile Medical Unit to our community! The unit will be in the Locust Presbyterian Church parking lot on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (October 20th) of each month from 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.

Charlotte Presbytery will meet Saturday, October 24, at Providence PC.

Prayer Concerns

**Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military,
Janice Hils, Lamar Smith, Gay Troutman, Glenda Love, Helen Farrell
Kay Baucom, Carolyn Blackman, Margaret Greer,
Vicki Higgins-knee replacement recovery, Diane Haggerty.**

Session Team & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish
Administration & Finance: Shane Litman
Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck
Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer
Elder to assist with November 1st Communion

October 18, 2026
Worship 10:00 am
Homecoming
October 17, 1883 –

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE – Upon this gathering of your people,
ALL – pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
ONE – Be near to us and speak to us,
ALL – and we will proclaim your glory
ONE – Let us worship God together

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn of Praise: Monitors: "Reckless Love" - Cory Asbury**

***Hymn: #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Children's Message

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Holy God of power and justice, we confess that we want to live under our own power and our own views of justice. You taught us to love each other and seek You first. But too often we love ourselves first and seek You last. Teach us to love Your justice, to accept Your power and be gracious to us in spite of our sins. Help us to love each other as You love us, forgive others, and share Your mercy and grace. Help us in our lack of faith and unrealistic expectations of You, our God, our Lord, and our Redeemer. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

***Gloria Patri #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Skidmore**

Scripture: Thess 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "Returning" **Rev. Skidmore**

Affirmation of Faith: (adapted from the Belhar Confession)
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we are share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Collection

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

***Hymn: #2088 Lord I Lift Your Name on High**

***Charge and Benediction** **Rev. Skidmore**

***Sending song: Monitors "10,000 Reasons"**

PLEASE JOIN FOR LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

OCTOBER

• Come Have Lunch (Oktoberfest) - Oct. 21 at 11:30am
Trunk or Treat sponsored by Scout Troops Oct. 25, 4:00 – 6:00pm

NOVEMBER

• All Saints Day Worship - Sunday, Nov. 1 at 10:00am
• Come Have Lunch (Mission Meal) - Nov. 18 at 11:30am
• Tree Lighting at Locust - Nov. 19 at 6:00pm *(LPC will have a booth)*
• Decorate for Christmas & Lunch - Nov. 22 after worship
• First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 29

DECEMBER

• Christmas Caroling - Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6:00pm
• Emmaus Worship Service (dinner) - Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:00pm
• Christmas Breakfast - Dec. 6 at 9:30am
• Session Team Dinner Meeting - Dec. 13
• Come Have Lunch (Comfort Foods) - Dec. 16 at 11:30am
• Longest Night Service - Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6:00pm
• Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion - Dec. 24 at 6:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD: FIRST QUARTER 2027

• Come Have Lunch - Jan. 20
• Murder Mystery Dinner - Jan. 23
• Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - Feb. 9
• Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 10 at 7:00pm
• Digital Detox Afternoon (Kids edition) - Feb. 14
• Come Have Lunch - Feb. 17
• Digital Detox Afternoon (Adult edition) - Feb. 21
• Come Have Lunch - Mar. 17