

\*Join us in welcoming our newest members: CJ Blackman, Jadya Salyer, Ramie Litman and Thomas Litman.

\*Come Have Lunch last week was very well attended by over 50 folks! Plan to join us on May 21 at 11:30am.

\*Following Easter Worship, we will have eggs hidden for the children to find. Also, please take a moment to have your family picture made with the beautiful flower cross on the front porch.

\*April Mission item for West Stanly Christian Ministry food pantry - we will be collecting hot breakfast items: grits, oatmeal, pancake mixes, bisquick mix and syrup. Please place items in the basket.

\*Card Ministry meets on Mondays at NOON. Would you like more info or help, contact Deb Bradford at 980.621.3892.

\*Charlotte Presbytery Mtg-Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30-2:00pm at Paw Creek PC in Charlotte.

\*Senior Sunday to honor our senior graduate on May 25 at Worship.

*Prayer Concerns:*

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Bill Freeman, Nancy Bartlett, Gay Troutman, Glenda Love, Janice Hills, Deborah & Ray Bradford, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Kay Baucom, Bill Hollowell, Ardy's sister-Roberta Nahas, Helen Farrell-leg pain, Nancy Funderburke, Craig Blackman's parents,

**Session & Committee Chairs with Mtg Dates**

*Clerk of Session* – Chris Fish

*Administration & Finance:* Trevor Bates

*Congregational Life & Mission:* Melissa Peck

*Building & Grounds:* Matt Salyer

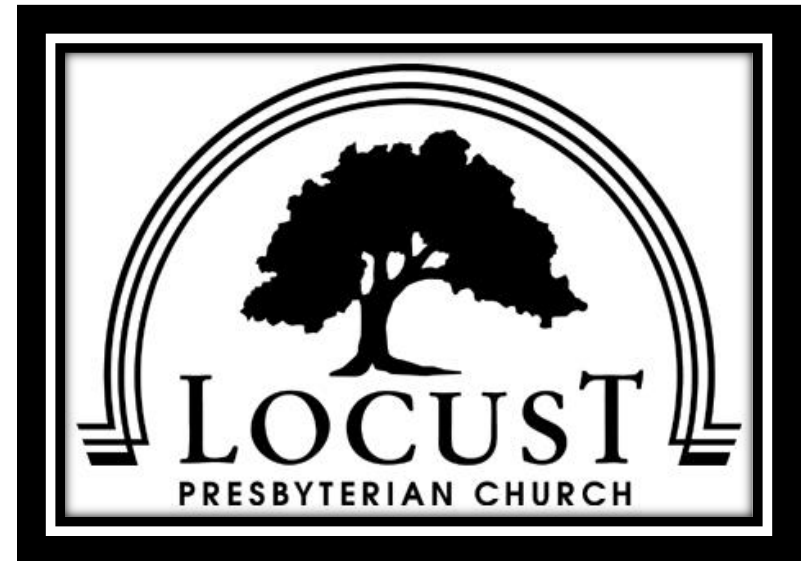
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*April 20, 2025*

*Easter Sunday*



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

## Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements                      Rev. Skidmore

\*Call to Worship:                                      Rev. Skidmore

ONE: CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. HALLEUJIA!

\*Hymn of Praise #123 – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

## Prayer of Adoration:

Holy God of all creation

Out of darkness you called light and life

You call us to be still, to and know you are near

Because you are a God of love

You are a God who gives us hope and peace

You gave us a silent night in Christ’s birth and

A joyous morning in His resurrection.

We live in awe of the amazing love you have

For us and praise you with our words, our songs

And our hearts. In the risen Christ we pray, Amen.

## Children’s Message

\*Contemporary Hymn: “In Christ Alone”

Call to Confession                                      Rev. Skidmore

Prayer of Confession: Lord, as Easter people we gather on this side of the cross, after the resurrection and yet, we still seek You. We seek Your forgiveness, we seek Your mercy, we seek Your love. We weep at death and forget the beauty of eternity. Like those at the tomb, we forget your promises, that you will always be with us, that you sent the Holy Spirit to live in us, that through you and you alone we are forgiven. Forgive us when we look for logic instead of believing in your miracles. Help us to live each day knowing and proclaiming that you are the risen Christ. Help us keep our focus on You and the victory we celebrate today and always. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon                                      Rev. Skidmore

## Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

Sermon: “I SEE JESUS”                                      Rev. Skidmore

## CONFIRMATION

C.J. Blackman, Ramie Litman, Thomas Litman, Jady Salyer

\*Affirmation of Faith – 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*

## Prayers of the People 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 #122 “Thine is the Glory”

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Exit of the flower cross





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