

News from our Session: At the quarterly mtg it was voted to move forward with 'Summer Worship Hour' We moved up the summer hours to begin NEXT SUNDAY (April 12) and then EVERY Sunday after until after Labor Day, service will be at 9:30am.

Join in the fun at Come Have Lunch on April 15th at 11:00am. We will have a "Berry Good Time." Invite a friend to come with you!

In April West Stanly Christian Ministry, is seeking donations of mac & cheese both box and individual servings. You may place in basket, and we will take each week to the pantry.

Cheerful Greeters needed: Can you assist with being a greeter – to welcome folks to worship and answer questions for visitors? A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions – See Rev. Ardy.

THANK YOU to all that helped with our breakfast today!!!

Prayer Concerns

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Janice Hils, Bill Freeman, Lamar Smith, Gay Troutman, Glenda Love, Helen Farrell, Kay Baucom, Annette Hartsell-Webb, Ruthie Haggerty, Mary Ely, Judy Godwin-recovery of broken hip, Grady Cook-cancer

Session Team & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish
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SERMON NOTES

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday



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

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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”**

***Hymn on the Monitors - "In Christ Alone"**

***Prayer of Adoration - ALL:**

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

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Lord too often we don’t look for you, we don’t come to where you are or we don’t believe when you are with us. Like the women and the disciples, we weep at the tomb and don’t recognize your presence. We too quickly forget the promises You made, that trusting in your steadfast love we are forgiven. You defeated death but we are overwhelmed with life. Give us Easter morning courage as we face difficulties. Forgive us when we act like fearful Saturday people rather than triumphant Sunday saved saints. Forgive us when we run away from you instead of searching for you, worshiping you, trusting you. Forgive us when we exalt ourselves rather than humbling ourselves before your call on our lives. 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

Rev. Skidmore

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Sermon – “THE announcement”

Rev. Skidmore

***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

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 of Joy: #122 - “Thine Is the Glory”**

Children come down front with their buckets

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Skidmore

Carrying of the flower cross out

***Sending song – monitors – “Raise a Hallelujah”**

LOL – West Stanly Play in May

Couples Outing May 16th

Community Mission Day June 14

Ice Cream Hymn Sing August 23

September 11th Food Truck and Live Band

Homecoming & Lunch October 18th

1st Sunday in Advent