

*Welcome Rev. Steve Mitchell as our guest minister while Rev. Ardy is at a retreat. He will also share details with the congregation on the upcoming Disciple Bible Study on Sunday evenings he will be leading.

*You are invited to Sunday School at 10:00 am in the New Beginnings Classroom. The study will be "The Message of Jesus; Words that Changed the World." For those with children, they will be right next door enjoying a special video lesson. We'd love to have you there—come be a part of this new journey with us!

*Confirmation classes will not meet this evening; and will conclude on April 13 from 6:00 -7:30pm. The confirmation class of CJ Blackman, Jady Salyer, Ramie Litman and Thomas Litman will join the church on Easter Sunday.

*Come Have Lunch - Save the date for April 16th for a Berry Good Time!

*Maundy Thursday Service – April 17 at 7:00pm. We will need 3 folks to volunteer to read. If you are interested in reading see Rev. Ardy.

*Would you like to bring a breakfast item to share on Easter morning? We have a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

*Following the 9:00am Easter Worship we will have eggs hidden for the children to find. Would you like to assist in the hiding? Please let Rev. Ardy know if you can assist.

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

*Easter Sunday Celebration

He is Risen! Celebrate the joy of Easter with us on Sunday, April 20th

☀ Sunrise Service – 6:40 AM in the cemetery (welcoming the dawn of Easter together)

☺ Breakfast & Fellowship – Following the sunrise service in the fellowship hall

✚ Easter Worship Service – 9:00 AM in the sanctuary, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

🥚 Easter Egg Hunt – After worship for all children—bring your baskets and enjoy the fun!

April 6, 2025



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Musical Prelude **Tim Brown**

Welcome & Announcements **Rev. Steve Mitchell**

***Call to Worship:**

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: I will praise the Lord with all my heart

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: For God alone is worthy of praise

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: For His name alone is exalted

***Gloria Patri - 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.**

Morning Prayer **Rev. Mitchell**

Children's Message

Call to Confession **Rev. Mitchell**

Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God, we are good people, but we stumble, we turn away, we forget You. Too often we don't start our day with You, give You praise throughout our lives or seek Your will. We have learned to be strong, but You show us it is only in our weakness, our humbleness that we truly draw close to You. Hear our call to you from deep within our spirit, we need You Lord. Forgive us Lord and let us freely experience Your blessings. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Mitchell**

***Hymn: #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-20;
John 12:1-8**

Sermon: "Timing" **Rev. Mitchell**

Musical Response **Tim Brown**

Invitation **Rev. Mitchell**

Great Thanksgiving (see monitors)

Communion*

Prayer after receiving

***Hymn: #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"**

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

***Charge & Benediction** **Rev. Mithcell**

***See monitors for sending song**

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**We are introducing a new process for Communion using intinction. The bread will be gluten-free and pre-cut, and you will dip it into the juice yourself. As you come forward, please take a piece of bread and carefully dip it into the cup before partaking. This method allows for a meaningful and reverent experience while ensuring accessibility for all. Thank you for your understanding and participation.*

Prayer Concerns:

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Bill Freeman, Nancy Bartlett, Gay Troutman, Glenda Love, Janice Hils, Deborah & Ray Bradford, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Kay Baucom, Bill Hollowell, Ardy's sister-Roberta Nahas, Helen Farrell-leg pain, Nancy Funderburke, Rick Almond-bladder cancer, Craig Blackman's parents, Family of Ray Barbee-(Kay's brother), family is in Oregon. Greydan Higgins-Vicki's grandson – healing with broken leg.

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