

*Come Have Lunch - Join us this Wednesday, February 19 at 11:30am. This month the theme will be Mardi Gras and you will not want to miss!!

*Confirmation classes began last week and will continue for the next several weeks. Please lift up our youth in prayer as they journey thru confirmation classes.

*RSVP Today – POLO (Parents of Little Ones-elementary age & below) This Friday, February 21 at 6:00pm we will watch the children while the parents have a date night. Please let Rev. Ardy know today if you will be attending.

*February Mission item for West Stanly Christian Ministry food pantry is peanut butter and jelly and can be placed in basket in narthex.

*We are seeking one elder each month to assist in serving communion. If you are willing to help, please sign up in the narthex.

*We are looking for two volunteers each week to help with Children's Church. Lessons and materials are provided just bring your heart for serving! please sign up on white board located in Narthex.

*Card Ministry meets on Monday 9:30am. Would you like more info or help, contact Deb Bradford at 980.621.3892.

*Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday March 5th and the start of the Lenten Season.

Session & Committee Chairs with Mtg Dates

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates

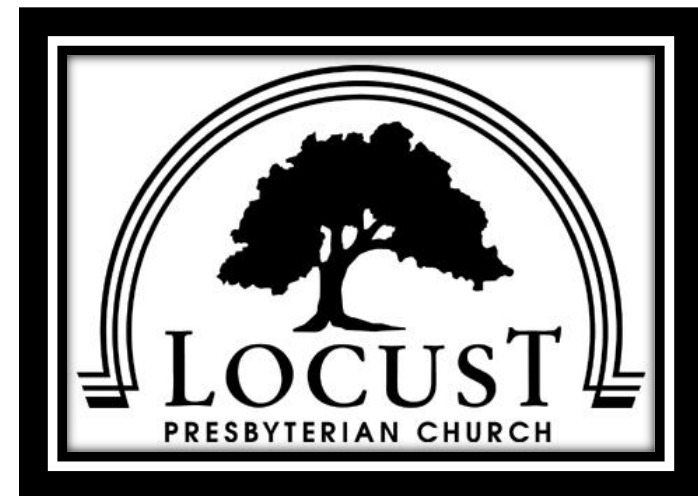
Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck

Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer

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, Glenda Love's-niece Brenda Vasquez-open heart surgery recovery, Kay Baucom, Bill Hollowell, Vicki Higgins, Rick Almond, Ardy's sister-Roberta Nahas, Glenda's friend-Melanie Horton-stroke, Western North Carolina & Southern California, Helen Farrell-leg pain, Nancy Funderburke dear family friend of the Baucoms.

February 16, 2025



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

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Praise song to begin worship - words on the monitors.
Please join us in song.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

***Call to Worship:**

ONE: Trust in the Lord

ALL: And do good

ONE: Take delight in the Lord,

ALL: And He will give you the desires of your heart

ONE: Commit your way to the Lord;

ALL: Trust in Him, and He will act

ONE: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord

***Gloria Patri - "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen"**

Morning Prayer

Rev. Skidmore

Children's Message: *Children depart with leader for children's church*

Call to Confession

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

Prayer of Confession: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. We all fall short of Your glory, we all sin and we all need you Lord, our God and Savior. Hear our hearts as we want to do what is right, but follow the ways of the world instead of you. Hear our minds as we want to trust in you, but turn away and trust only ourselves. Hear our spirit as we know what you have called us to do, but follow our flesh instead. Hear the cries of our hearts as we come before you and our neighbor with our confessions.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

***Hymn: #275 "How Firm A Foundation"**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: "Blessings and Woes"

Rev. Skidmore

Musical Response

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 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.

***Hymn: #411 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

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. Skidmore

***See monitors for sending song**

FLOOD BUCKET CLEAN UP ITEMS
YOU CAN MAKE A BUCKET OR DONATE ITEMS BELOW

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry-cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 contractor type 30–45-gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)

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