

*Welcome to Summer Worship! Join us each Sunday at 9:30 for a special time of worship during the summer months. Please note that this earlier time will continue through August 31. There will be no Sunday School for the summer - just a relaxed and meaningful time together in worship. Come as you are and bring a friend! We'd love to welcome them too.

*Today following worship we will have our 5th Sunday lunch, with a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. All are invited.

*In June we will be collecting individual size snack items (for example snacks for kids home from school) for West Stanly Christian Ministry, please place in basket.

*Come Have Lunch - save the date of July 16 for the lunch.

*We are looking for two volunteers twice each month to lead children's church. All materials will be available. Please speak to Rev. Ardy.

*With many folks traveling in the summer months if you would like to mail in your tithes you may do so to: LPC, PO Box 277, Locust, NC 28097.

*We host AA morning meetings here on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:00am in the fellowship hall.

*Save the date of Sunday, August 17 from noon to 5pm. The Community One Big Red Buses will be here for the 11th annual blood and platelet drive in memory of Archie Love. Go to www.oneblood.org and schedule your appointment.

There will be a sign up in the Narthex for the Disciple Bible Study, we do need a firm commitment if you are interested. Materials will need to be ordered soon. Please see Rev. Ardy for more details.

Session & Committee Chairs

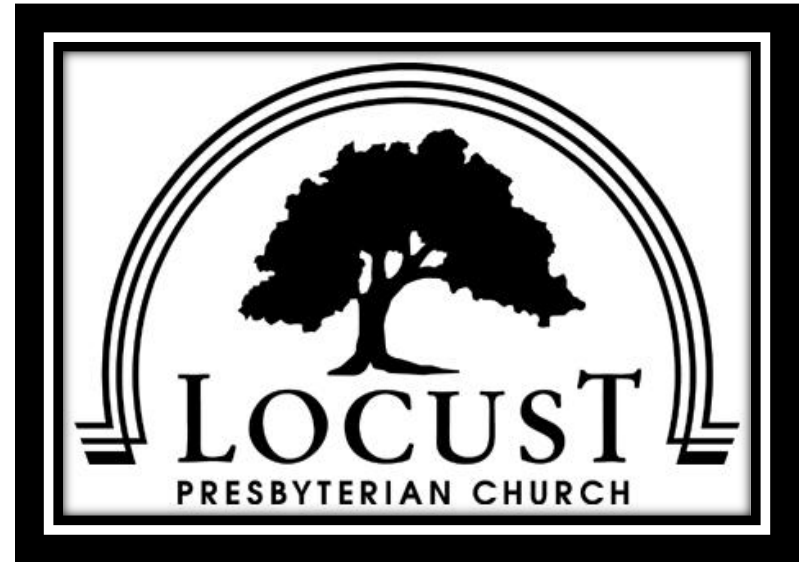
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"Locust Presbyterian glorifies God and grows in faith by serving and meeting needs of all, through love, hope and compassion."

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: This is the day the Lord has made

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it

***Hymn of Praise: Monitor "In Christ Alone"**

***Hymn: - #2130 "The Summons" vs.1-2-4-5**

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

Children's Message

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God, you gave us free will, but in that freedom we choose unwisely. Too often we only see law and not compassion, grace and forgiveness as you modeled for us.

You created us to be in relationship with You and each other and yet we turn our backs on both.

Fill us with your Spirit of love, forgiveness and peace and help us turn away from jealousy, anger and actions that separate us from You. Our spirit is weak, but in our weakness Lord, come

to us, strengthen us that in all we say and do, that You may be glorified. Have mercy on us O Lord and hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sermon: "Freedom to or freedom from?" **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 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: #2032 "My Life Is In You, Lord"**

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 and Benediction** **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn: Monitors - - "Come to the River"**

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Prayer Concerns:

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military,
Glenda Love, Bill Freeman, Nancy Bartlett, Gay Troutman, Janice Hills,
Deborah & Ray Bradford, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Kay Baucom,
Ardy's sister-Roberta Nahas, Helen Farrell-leg pain, Nancy Funderburke,
Ted and Cindy Yow, Kathy Shaver, CA Hyatt, Residents of Clyde, NC,
Family of Sue Hunsucker,



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