

\*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, they will meet March 23, 30 and April 13 from 6:00 -7:30pm. You can support our students (CJ Blackman, Jady Salyer, Ramie Litman and Thomas Litman) in prayer. Thank you to all those that have volunteered to serve meals!

\*Rev. Ardy will be leaving following worship for a well-deserved week break. If during this week you a pastoral need please contact Amy at 704.622.5003 and she will in touch with Rev. Ardy. She will return for Worship next Sunday.

\*Come Have Lunch - Join us this Wednesday, March 19 at 11:30am. The theme for the March lunch is "Luck of the Irish."

\*Join us for a time of food and fellowship at our 5th Sunday Lunch on Sunday, March 30, immediately following worship! Bring a dish to share, and enjoy a great meal with our church family. We look forward to seeing you there!

\*Rev. Steve Mitchell will be our guest minister on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

\*Maundy Thursday Service – April 17 at 7:00pm. We will need 4 folks to volunteer to read. If you are interested in reading see Rev. Ardy.

\*March Mission item for West Stanly Christian Ministry food pantry - we will be collecting protein as in canned chicken, tuna or salmon.

#### \*Easter Sunday Celebration

He is Risen! Celebrate the joy of Easter with us on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> with special events for all ages.

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

☕ Breakfast & Fellowship – Following the sunrise service in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to bring food items—thank you for your generosity!

✝ 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!

*March 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: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

**ALL: whom shall I fear?**

ONE: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**ALL: of whom shall I be afraid?**

ONE: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

**ALL: Your face, LORD, do I seek. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

**\*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.**

**\*Worship Hymn: Monitors "How Great Is Our God"**

**Morning Prayer** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Children's Message**

**Call to Confession** **Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: God of eternity, hear our confession, our shortcomings, our willful spirit. We know we have wandered away from your statutes, your laws, and your love. We do not live as you desire us to. We do not love each other as you call us to. In this time of introspection, let us declare our need for you, our God and our Savior. Let us live in the assurance that you are a forgiving God and call us to be forgiving people. Let us see the good in others as you do in us. Hear the silent cries of our heart.

**Assurance of Pardon** **Rev. Skidmore**

**\*Hymn: #379 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture: Psalm 27**  
**Luke 13:31-35**

**Sermon: "Not All Bad"** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Musical Response**

**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**

**\*Hymn: #85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

**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**

*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, Western North Carolina & Southern California, Helen Farrell-leg pain, Nancy Funderburke, Rick Almond-bladder cancer, 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

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