

Session meeting following worship today. Thank you to our session team members for your service. Lunch will be provided.

Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup> and Maundy Thursday communion service on April 2 at 7:00pm. Can you be a reader for Maundy Thursday service-see Ardy today to volunteer. Easter is a great time to invite friends to church!

Easter Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 5, Sunrise in the graveyard will begin at approximately 6:40am with sunrise at 7:04am, breakfast following and we invite you to bring a favorite breakfast item to share. Easter Worship at 9:00am with an egg hunt egg hunt on the front lawn after worship. Would you like to donate candy for eggs or small prizes? We will have a box in the back for donations. Also, we need the older youth to come on Saturday to stuff the eggs and then hide them for the hunt – see Rev. Ardy today to volunteer.

LPC Church Family, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the love and kindness shown to us. We are grateful for the church volunteers who prepared and served food for our family. The meal was a comfort to all who attended. Thank you from the Patsy Smith Family (Charlie & Clara Ratliff)

The bricks are ready for the new sign to be installed! The electric sign was paid for out of the last capital campaign, but we are short \$2,550.00 for the brick foundation. If you can contribute directly to this, please mark your donation to “sign.”

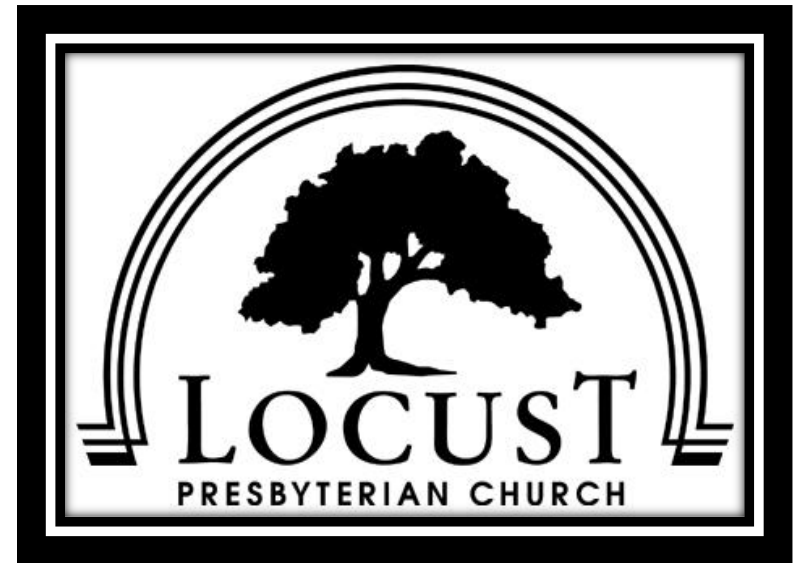
In March West Stanly Christian Ministry, is seeking donations of mac & cheese both box and individual servings. You may place in basket, and we will take each week to the pantry.

Elder to assist with April 5th communion: Amy Ennis

**Session Team & Committee Chairs**

*Clerk of Session* – Chris Fish  
*Administration & Finance*: Shane Litman  
*Congregational Life & Mission*: Melissa Peck  
*Building & Grounds*: Matt Salyer

*March 22, 2026*



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## **Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**                      **Rev. Skidmore**

**Call to Worship:**                                      **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: I wait for the Lord

**ALL: And in His word I hope**

ONE: My soul waits for the Lord

**ALL: For with the Lord, there is steadfast love**

ONE: let us join our voices together to praise our Lord

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

**\*Worship Hymn: - "King of Hearts" – Brandon Lake**

**\*Hymn: #101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

## **Children's Message**

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

**Prayer of Confession: Holy Lord, Father God we come before you like petulant children. Like those that wandered in the wilderness after freedom, we complain when life does not go our way. We are self-focused instead of Christ focused. You provide a holy meal, yet we want the leftovers of yesterday's sin. Lord, forgive us, cleanse our hearts, put your right Spirit in us. Let us worship you as holy people, saved by grace through faith rather than unbelieving and lost souls. Hear the silent cries of our heart.**

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

**Prayer of Illumination**                                      **Rev. Skidmore**

**Scripture: Romans 8:6-11**  
**John 11:1-6,17-45**

**Sermon: "Jesus Wept"**                                      **Rev. Skidmore**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: From A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA**  
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God whom God raised from the dead; breaking the power of sin and evil and delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and make everyone equally in God's image. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation in everlasting love. We trust in the Holy Spirit; giver and renewer of life, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture and engages us through the Word proclaimed. We rejoice that in life and death that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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: # 78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

**\*Charge and Benediction**                                      **Rev. Skidmore**

**\*Sending Song: "Hurt & the Healer" Mercy ME**

## **Prayer Concerns**

**Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Janice Hills, Bill Freeman, Lamar Smith, Gay Troutman, Glenda Love, Helen Farrell, Kay Baucom, Annette Hartsell-Webb, Ruthie Haggerty, Mary Ely-surgery recovery, Judy Godwin-recovery of broken hip, Family of Donald Blackman(Craig's Father), Family of Bradley Eddins-Alexis Grandfather, Mike Stine-friend of Fishes undergoing cancer treatments, Lamar Smith,**

**LOL – West Stanly Play in May**

**Couples Outing May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Mission Day June 14**

**Ice Cream Hymn Sing August 23**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> Food Truck and Live Band**

**Homecoming & Lunch October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**