

*We are delighted to welcome Drucie Eudy as pianist and she will rotate with our other pianists. Drucie was born and raised in Mint Hill and has dedicated her life to church music and teaching. She recently retired from the Charlotte Country Day School music department, where she shared her passion for music with countless students. Now enjoying retirement in Locust with her husband and beloved fur babies, Drucie brings a wealth of experience and a heart for worship to our church family. Please join us in welcoming her with gratitude and joy!

*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 meet this evening; they will meet March 30 and finish on April 13 from 6:00 -7:30pm. You can support our students (CJ Blackman, Jadyn Salyer, Ramie Litman and Thomas Litman) in prayer. The dinner tonight will be spaghetti.

*Next Sunday - food and fellowship at our 5th Sunday Lunch immediately following worship! Bring a dish to share, and enjoy a great meal with our church family. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Come Have Lunch – was well attended by over 45 folks and the Irish lunch was delicious! Save the date for April 16th for a Berry Good Time!

*Rev. Steve Mitchell will be our guest minister on April 6th.

*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 20th

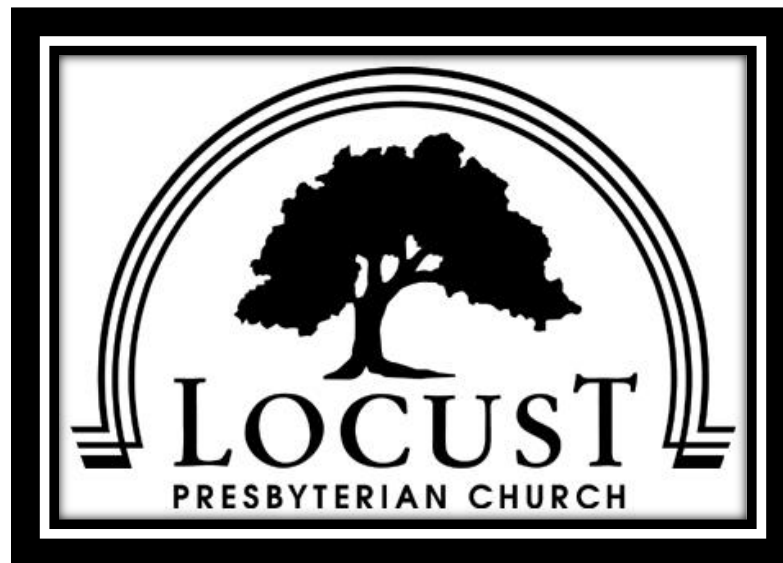
☀ Sunrise Service – 6:40 AM in the cemetery (welcoming the dawn of Easter together)

☺ Breakfast & Fellowship – Following the sunrise service in the fellowship hall. 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 23, 2025



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Musical Prelude

Drucie Eudy

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

***Call to Worship:**

ONE: You alone are my God

ALL: My soul thirsts for You

ONE: You alone are worthy of praise

ALL: My mouth praises you

ONE: You alone are righteous

ALL: I will lift up my hands and call on Your name

***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 "Lord, I Need You"**

Morning Prayer

Rev. Skidmore

Children's Message

Call to Confession

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

Prayer of Confession: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

***Hymn: #2130 "The Summons"**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: "We all need fed"

Rev. Skidmore

Musical Response

Drucie Eudy

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: #280 "Amazing Grace"**

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 Hills, 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. Greydan Higgins-Vicki's grandson who broke his leg in two places.

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.**