

*Sunday Bible Study-will take a break for Easter and resume on April 7th at 4:30pm in the Prayer Shawl Room. All are invited to join in the study of "Religions" led by Rev. Ardy.

*Come Have Lunch was attended by 44 folks. Save the date for April 17th.

*Maundy Thursday Service on March 28th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Please invite a friend to join you.

*Easter Sunday, next week: Sunrise in the Cemetery at 6:45am followed by breakfast. Reminder to bring fresh flowers for the cross on Easter. Easter Worship at 9:00am. We will have 9:00am service instead of 11:00.

*5th Sunday Lunch – We are planning to start a 5th Sunday lunch and this time it will fall on Easter Sunday so we will have lunch following worship on Sunday, April 7th. Cong. Life will supply the fried chicken and we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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

*Ladies Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm, (2nd Tuesday of month). We meet at the Manse. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

*Charlotte Presbytery meeting will be held here at LPC on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30am. *Coming soon* we will have several "spruce up the church days" along with volunteer opportunities for that day.

*Ladies(LOL) save the evening of May 8th for a fun event at the Manse starting at 6:30pm.

*Congregational Life and Missions team met and they are planning a lot of great events at LPC. If you would like to serve on this team, see Melissa.

Session & Committee Chairs with Mtg Dates

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates

Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer

Christian Education: Dennis Joyner

Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck

Worship & Music: Bonnie Hovey

Communion Server – April 7 – Joan Hall

Children's Church – March 24, Joan Hall & Bonnie Hovey
To volunteer see Dennis Joyner

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Praise songs to begin worship – see the monitors

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

ALL: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

ONE: This is the gate of the LORD;

ALL: The righteous shall enter through it.

ONE: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

ALL: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Processional Hymn- #88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Children process waving palms –
1 loop around Sanctuary stay up front

Children's Message

Younger children may depart with leader for children's church

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Holy God, our sins are too heavy for us to carry, yet you carried them all to the cross and beyond. We greet you with waving palms then abandoned you and turn away. Rather than judging us and condemning us, you forgave us, you opened your arms as wide as the cross and cried for our forgiveness. Where we are lacking in gratitude, you continue to love us in abundance. Where we look to the world, you continue to reach out to us, in grace, in mercy, in love. We know the palms of today will be the ashes in the future. But you hold our future, each day, each breath and are ever present ready to forgive. Hear the silent cries of our heart.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn #89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11

John 12:12-16

Sermon: "Then they remembered" **Rev. Skidmore**

Affirmation of Faith: from *A Brief Statement of Faith
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. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

Luke 23:32-34

Remembering the cost

You may leave your palms at the foot of the cross then leave in silence after the last nail strike.

Accompanist: Janna Pressley

The church has a Paypal account that we invite you to use for donations to the church.

