

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday service on April 2 at 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday next Sunday with 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. Reminder to bring flowers for the Easher cross. 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 next Saturday to stuff the eggs and then hide them for the hunt – see Rev. Ardy today to volunteer.

News from our Session: At last week's quarterly mtg it was voted to move forward with 'Summer Worship Hour' We moved up the summer hours to begin the Sunday after Easter (April 12) and then EVERY Sunday after until after Labor Day, service will be at 9:30am.

Join in the fun at Come Have Lunch on April 15th at 11:00am. We will have a "Berry Good Time." Invite a friend to come with you!

THANK YOU to all that donated toward the fund to have the brick foundation for the new sign! The \$2,500 was met and exceeded!

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.

Cheerful Greeters needed: Can you assist with being a greeter – to welcome folks to worship and answer questions for visitors? A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions – See Rev. Ardy.

Prayer Concerns

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Janice Hils, 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,

Session Team & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish
Administration & Finance: Shane Litman
Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck
Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer
Elder to assist with April 5th communion: Amy Ennis

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday



"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: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

ALL: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

ONE: Lo, your king comes to you;

ALL: Triumphant and victorious is he,

ONE: humble and riding on a donkey,

ALL: on a colt, the foal of a donkey

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

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

***Processional Hymn: #88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**
(Children process waving palms one loop and stay up front)

Children's Message

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. Forgive us Lord, heal us where sin has scarred and separated us from You. Heal us from ourselves, our shortsightedness, and self-serving attitudes. Hear the silent cries of our heart.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

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

***Hymn: "The King Is In The Room" Phil Wickam**

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Skidmore**

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 & *Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon – "Who Is This?"

***Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed- ecumenical**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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**

Children - stripping of the church
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.

LOL – West Stanly Play in May

Couples Outing May 16th

Community Mission Day June 14

Ice Cream Hymn Sing August 23

September 11th Food Truck and Live Band

Homecoming & Lunch October 18th

1st Sunday in Advent