

*Thank you to the West Stanly Band students for joining us today!

*Our Daily Bread daily devotionals are available in the narthex. Please pick one up to use in your devotions.

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

*5th Sunday Lunch -Today is the 5th Sunday, so we will have lunch following worship on next Sunday, April 7th. Cong. Life will supply the fried chicken and we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

*Come Have Lunch - Save the date for April 17th. We have a "Berry" special lunch planned. Come at 11:30am and bring a friend.

*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!

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

*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.

Prayer Concerns:

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Nancy Bartlett, Gay Troutman, Charlie & Vicki Higgins, Bill Freeman, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Janice Hils, Kay Baucom, Glenda Love, Trent Burleson, Michael Longhurst, Ray Bradford-surgery recovery, Dave Emrich-back surgery recovery, In Janices Family-Baby Emma and her uncle.

We have many traveling today and we ask for safe travels for them.

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

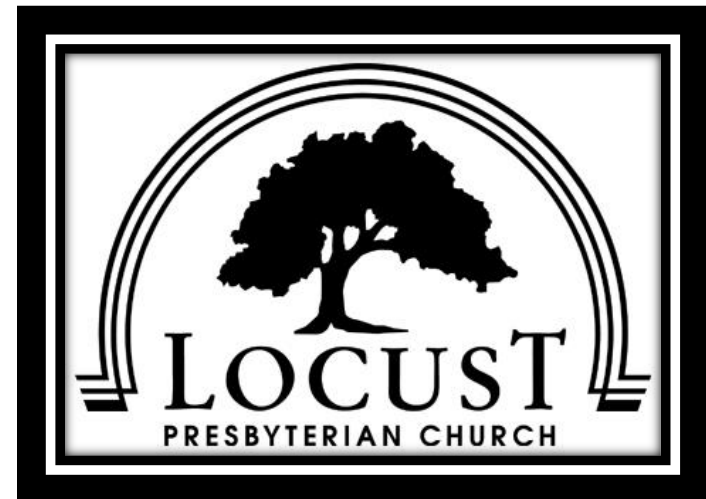
Worship & Music: Bonnie Hovey

Communion Server – April 7 – Joan Hall

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"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 - "This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickam

Welcome & Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. HALLEUJIA!

***Hymn of Praise #123 – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

Prayer of Adoration (ALL):

Holy God of all creation

Out of darkness you called light and life

You call us to be still, to and know you are near

Because you are a God of love

You are a God who gives us hope and peace

You gave us a silent night in Christ’s birth and

A joyous morning in His resurrection.

We live in awe of the amazing love you have

For us and praise you with our words, our songs

And our hearts. In the risen Christ we pray, Amen.

Children’s Message

Children are asked to stay in service today for Easter

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Lord, as Easter people we gather on this

side of the cross, after the resurrection and yet, we still seek

You. We seek Your forgiveness, we seek Your mercy, we seek

Your love. We weep at death and forget the beauty of eternity.

Like those at the tomb, we forget your promises, that you will

always be with us, that you sent the Holy Spirit to live in us,

that through you and you alone we are forgiven. Forgive us

when we look for logic instead of believing in your miracles.

Help us to live each day knowing and proclaiming that you are

the risen Christ. Help us keep our focus on You and the victory

we celebrate today and always. Hear the silent cries of our

hearts.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Skidmore

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

Sermon: “This Is The Lord”

Rev. Skidmore

***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 on 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 worshiped 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.

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

Hymn #122 “Thine is the Glory”

***Charge & Benediction** **Rev. Skidmore**

***See monitors for sending song - "Because He Lives" by Matt Maher**

Exit of the flower cross

Accompanist: Melissa Peck

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

