

* New Sunday School Class began this morning. Please join us next Sunday, 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 23, 30 and April 13 from 6:00 -7:30pm. You can support our students (CJ Blackman, Jady Salyer, Ramie Litman and Thomas Litman) in prayer. Thank you to all those that have volunteered to serve meals!

*Rev. Ardy will be leaving following worship next Sunday, March 16th for a well-deserved week break. If during the week of March 16th, you a pastoral need please contact Amy at 704.622.5003.

*Come Have Lunch - Join us Wednesday, March 19 at 11:30am. The theme for the March lunch is "Luck of the Irish."

*Join us for a time of food and fellowship at our 5th Sunday Lunch on Sunday, March 30, immediately following worship! Bring a dish to share, and enjoy a great meal with our church family. We look forward to seeing you there!

*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. Please place in basket in Narthex.

*Card Ministry meets on Mondays at NOON. Would you like more info or help, contact Deb Bradford at 980.621.3892.

*Easter Sunday Celebration - He is Risen! Celebrate the joy of Easter with us on Sunday, April 20th with special events for all ages.

☀ 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!

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Praise song to begin worship - words on the monitors.
Please join us in song.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

***Call to Worship:**

ONE: O Lamb of God most holy!

ALL: Have mercy on us

ONE: You suffered for our sins

ALL: We worship You as our Savior from sin

ONE: You alone are worthy of all praise!

ALL: We worship You as our Savior

***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.**

Morning Prayer

Rev. Skidmore

Children's Message: 10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering

Children depart with leader for children's church

Call to Confession

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

Prayer of Confession: God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess Lord, as we travel in these 40 days to the cross, that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way, we wander and stay in the wilderness of this world. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. Your steadfast love reaches out to us as we reach out to fill our lives with worldly things. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have Mercy, O God, and release us from the burden of the sin we carry, that You carried to the cross. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear the silent cries of our heart.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

***Hymn: "Light Of The World" - monitors/contemporary**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: "Where is your refuge?"

Rev. Skidmore

Musical Response

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: #339 "Be Thou My Vision"**

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, Western North Carolina & Southern California, Helen Farrell-leg pain, Nancy Funderburke, those in Kentucky dealing with the flood waters, Craig Blackman's parents.

Session & Committee Chairs with Mtg Dates

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates

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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