

\*You are invited to Sunday School at 10:00 am in the New Beginnings Classroom. 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!

\*Ladies (LOL) will be going to see the West Stanly Play on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Play at 7:30 and Contina will secure tickets. Also, dinner at the Local Room at 5:30. Would you like to reserve a space—please let Amy know today!

\*Come Have Lunch - plan to join us on May 21 at 11:30am. We hope to see you there and bring a friend.

\*In May we will be collecting mashed potatoes, jelly and stuffing mix for West Stanly Christian Ministry, please place in basket.

\*Charlotte Presbytery Mtg-Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30-2:00pm at Paw Creek PC in Charlotte.

\*Senior Sunday to honor our senior graduate on May 25 at Worship. This year we will honor West Stanly High School Senior Emma Salyer, daughter of Matt and Contina.

\*Are you interested in the Discipleship Study to be led by Rev. Steve Mitchell? For more information, please speak with Rev. Ardy. This study will be set to start in the fall.

\*We are looking for two volunteers twice each month to lead children's church. All materials will be available and ready. In May we would like to cover May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Rev. Ardy – we also have a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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

**Session & Committee Chairs with Mtg Dates**

*Clerk of Session – Chris Fish*

*Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates*

*Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck*

*Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer*

*May 4, 2025*



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**Musical Prelude** **Melissa Peck**

**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Skidmore**

**\*Call to Worship:** **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: Blessing and glory to our God

**ALL: Praise and honor to our Holy Lord**

ONE: Blessing to the One God on the throne

**ALL: Praise to the Lamb of God who took away our sins**

ONE: Blessing to the Holy Spirit

**ALL: Praise to the Spirit of God**

ONE: Let us worship the Lord

**ALL: Halleluiah, Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: Monitor - "How Great Is Our God"**

**Morning Prayer** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Children's Message**

**Call to Confession** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Prayer of Confession: God of life and life eternal, we come before you with our hearts open. We confess that we don't love you and your creation as we should. We don't forgive others and we don't forgive ourselves. We don't live in the glory of your resurrection, but dwell in the mire of the world. Lord, you give us your grace and mercy, help us to share this with others. Lord, you give us your forgiveness and Agape love, help us to share this with others. Lord, hear the silent cries of our heart.**

**Assurance of Pardon** **Rev. Skidmore**

**\*Hymn: #108 "Christ is Alive!" vs 1-2-4-5**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture: Acts 9:1-6**

**John 21:1-19**

**Sermon: "50 Ways to say I love You"** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Musical Response** **Melissa Peck**

**Invitation** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Sharing at the table**

**\*Hymn: #2162 "Grace Alone"**

**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 and Benediction** **Rev. Skidmore**

**\*See monitors for sending song**

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*\*We have a new process for Communion using intinction. The bread will be gluten-free and pre-cut, and you will dip it into the juice yourself. As you come forward, please take a piece of bread and carefully dip it into the cup before partaking. This method allows for a meaningful and reverent experience while ensuring accessibility for all. Thank you for your understanding and participation.*

*Prayer Concerns:*

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Bill Freeman, Nancy Bartlett, Gay Troutman, Glenda Love, Janice Hils, Deborah & Ray Bradford, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Kay Baucom, Ardy's sister-Roberta Nahas, Helen Farrell-leg pain, Nancy Funderburke, Craig Blackman's parents, Ted and Cindy Yow, Pam Hyatt - Chemo, CA Hyatt - Chemo, Kathy Shaver-upcoming treatments, Deby Hinson-Novant Hospital with blood clots.



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