Today we remember those that have passed on All Saints Sunday and will walk to graveyard weather permitting following worship service.

Bible Study - Invitation to Romans Disciple Study will meet this week on Nov 4th at 6:00pm and wrap up on November 11th.

West Stanly Christian Ministry is seeking donations of canned vegetables. Please place in the basket, and we will take each week.

Come Have Lunch on Nov 18, 11:30am. The theme will be "Missions" Lunch will be a selection of homemade soups and grilled cheese sandwiches. This is the only meal we suggest a donation for mission work here at LPC or canned food items for food pantry.

Community Outreach – LPC will have a booth at the Tree Lighting in Locust on Thursday, 11-19 at 6pm. If you can volunteer, please let Amy Ennis know and we will sign you up!

We need your help to decorate here for the Christmas Season. We will decorate following worship on November 22 and then celebrate with lunch! It is a great afternoon to prepare for Advent & Christmas.

Rev. Ardy is seeking volunteers to read on the 4 Advent Sundays (11-29, 12-6, 12-13, 12-20) please let her know which Sunday you can assist.

Maji Mystery Tour for Youth - Advent Sundays - All youth are invited to join Join Rev. Ardy on an Advent Journey 9am to 9:45am on Advent Sundays. We will need adults to assist with stations – see Rev. Ardy to sign up.

Prayer Concerns

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military,
Janice Hils, Lamar Smith, Gay Troutman, Glenda Love, Helen Farrell
Kay Baucom, Carolyn Blackman, Vicki Higgins,
Family of Judy Page-sister of Dennis Joyner,

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 November 1st Communion: Amy Ennis

November 1, 2026
Worship 10:00 am



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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
ALL: Maker of heaven and earth.
ONE: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
ALL: They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
ONE: Give praise to God the Almighty
ALL: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn of Praise: "All the People Said Amen" - Matt Maher**

***Hymn: #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"1-2-3**

Children's Message

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God, hear us as we come humbly before you. We know we fall short of the beloved children you created. We know our hearts and our actions are not always aligned with who you called us to be. Forgive us Lord, heal us from self-glorification to worshipping you only. We were created to be in good relationship with You and with each other, but we too often fail at both. Lord, hear our cries for mercy, for grace and forgiveness that you alone freely give. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

ALL: In life and in death we belong to God and we rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ONE: Know that you are new creations in Christ Jesus, and through Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah, Amen.

***Gloria Patri #579**

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.

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Skidmore**

Scripture: John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: **"New Life, Blessed Life"** **Rev. Skidmore**

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Sharing at the table

*** Hymn: #526 "For All the Saints"**

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**

***Exit to the graveyard singing vs 1 & 6 of "For All the Saints"**

1) For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
6) From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
in praise of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction in the graveyard**

*weather permitting.

NOVEMBER

- All Saints Day Worship - Sunday, Nov. 1 at 10:00am
- Come Have Lunch (Mission Meal) - Nov. 18 at 11:30am
- Tree Lighting at Locust - Nov. 19 at 6:00pm *(LPC will have a booth) we will need volunteers for our booth*
- Decorate for Christmas & Lunch - Nov. 22 after worship
- First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 29

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DECEMBER

- Christmas Caroling - Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6:00pm
- Emmaus Worship Service (dinner) - Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:00pm
- Christmas Breakfast - Dec. 6 at 9:30am
- Session Team Dinner Meeting - Dec. 13
- Come Have Lunch (Comfort Foods) - Dec. 16 at 11:30am
- Longest Night Service - Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion - Dec. 24 at 6:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD: FIRST QUARTER 2027

- Come Have Lunch - Jan. 20
- Murder Mystery Dinner - Jan. 23
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - Feb. 9
- Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 10 at 7:00pm
- Digital Detox Afternoon (Kids edition) - Feb. 14
- Come Have Lunch - Feb. 17
- Digital Detox Afternoon (Adult edition) - Feb. 21
- Come Have Lunch - Mar. 17

Magi Mystery Tour: An Advent Journey for Youth! 🌟

Join us at **Locust Presbyterian Church** for a special four-week Advent adventure!

Follow the journey of the Magi as we explore the wonder, mystery, and meaning of Christmas together.

Led by Rev. Ardy Skidmore

🗓️ **Four Sundays of Advent**

- November 29
- December 6
- December 13
- December 20

⏰ **9:00–9:45 a.m.**

All youth are invited to join us for this meaningful journey of faith, discovery, and preparation for the birth of Jesus!

⭐ **Come follow the star with us**

The card ministry meets on Monday at noon. They meet in the card room andinvite you to join them. If you would like more info, see Rev. Ardy or DeborahBradford. All skill levels are welcome.