

*TODAY following worship, we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. All ages are encouraged to stay and lunch to follow!

*Bible Study will resume NEXT Sunday November 30th at 9:45 with an adult study led by Jane Blackman. At the same time the children will begin an Advent lesson(Journey to Bethlehem) -if anyone would like to assist Rev. Ardy with the children speak to her today. On December 7th all ages will join to celebrate with the annual Christmas Breakfast at 9:30am.

*Sermon Notes We've added a spot just for you! Use the Sermon Notes section to write down your favorite points, verses, or thoughts from today's message. It's a great way to stay connected and remember what inspired you throughout the week!

*In November West Stanly Christian Ministry, is seeking donations of ramen noodles, rice side dishes and all condiments. You may place in basket, and we will take each week to the pantry.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)

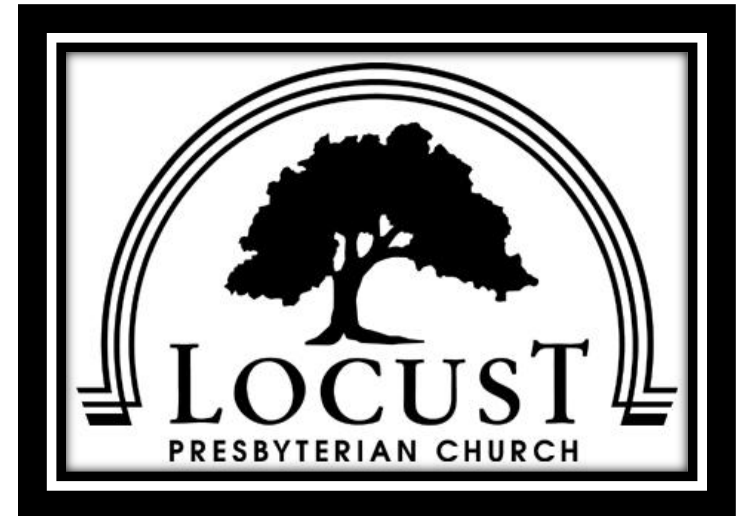
Prayer Concerns

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military,
Glenda Love, Bill Freeman, Gay Troutman, Janice Hils, Helen Farrell
Deborah & Ray Bradford, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Kay Baucom,
Prayers for the people of Jamacia, Dennis Kiker-knee recovery,
Ed Higgins-knee replacement recovery,
Joe Tate-Father of Jodi Geshickter's is having health issues,
Pam Hyatt-new cancer treatments.

Session & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish
Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates
Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck
Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer

November 23, 2025



"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: Worship Christ

ALL: Eternal Son of God

ONE: Serve Christ

ALL: Glorious Ruler of Creation

ONE: Praise Christ

ALL: King of Kings, Lord of all

***Hymn of Praise: Monitor: "Here I am to Worship"**

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

Children's Message

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. We judge the world but ask the world to overlook our sins. We admit that we sin, that we don't live as You have called us to and others pay the price. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed and in spirit. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Skidmore**

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: "What would you say?" **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn: #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

***Affirmation of Faith:** 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.

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

***Hymn: #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

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

***Hymn: Monitors**

SERMON NOTES

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT
LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN**

Every Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45am & Worship at 11:00am

Below are some special events that you may also consider:

Decorate the church for Christmas with lunch. Following worship on Sunday, November 23.

Journey to Bethlehem – for our children – An Advent Study 9:45am beginning on Sunday, November 30.

Christmas Breakfast and fellowship – Sunday, December 7 at 9:30am

Let's Go Caroling – Wednesday, December 10 6:00pm followed by Christmas party.

Come Have Lunch – Christmas Feast – Wednesday, Dec. 17, 11:30am

Longest Night Service – Sunday, December 21 at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion – Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:00pm

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