

*Bible Study resumed today 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). We hope all ages will attend!

* Next Sunday, December 7th all ages will join to celebrate with the annual Christmas Breakfast at 9:30am. Bring a favorite breakfast item to share. Invite a friend to join you for this special event!

*In December West Stanly Christian Ministry, is seeking donations of peanut butter, jelly or any canned vegetables. You may place in basket, and we will take each week to the pantry.

*Let's Go Caroling on Wednesday, December 10 6:00pm meet in church parking lot. After caroling we will celebrate with a gathering at the manse. Bring a favorite Christmas treat to share.

*Come Have Lunch will be a Christmas Feast on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 11:30am. Save the date and bring a friend.

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

*Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:00pm.

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, Joe Tate-Father of Jodi Geshickter's is having health issues, Pam Hyatt-new cancer treatments, Craig Blackman's parents.

Session & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

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November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent



"Locust Presbyterian glorifies God and grows in faith by serving and meeting needs of all, through love, hope and compassion."

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: Into the darkness, You bring light

ALL: Into our lives, You bring Hope

ONE: Come, Lord Jesus

ALL: Into our lives and into our hearts

ONE: We worship and adore You

Advent Prayer

Advent Song #2090 vs 1 only

Advent Candle Lighting **Peck Family**

ALL RESPOND: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

***Hymn #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: God of grace, ever faithful to Your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to His return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. Forgive us as we are drawn to the sparkle of the season instead of the beauty of Your love. Help us focus on the gift of salvation You gave us in Christ this season. We humble ourselves before You and ask You to help us hear Your word above the noise of this world. As we draw closer to that silent night when You showed us hope, have mercy on us. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Skidmore**

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: – "Up on a mountain" **Rev. Skidmore**

***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: #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

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

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

***Hymn: Monitors "Emmanuel God With Us" Chris Tomlin, Anne Wilson**

SERMON NOTES

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