Bible Study - Invitation to Romans Disciple Study will meet this week on November 11th at 6:00pm to conclude our study. Thank you to Rev. Steve Mitchell for facilitating.

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. (gluten free options) 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 help.

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. Solve the weekly mysteries and using the clues find the weekly treasures. Collect all in your treasure chest as you journey to the manger.

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

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

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 December 6th Communion:

November 8, 2026
Worship 10:00 am

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: ***from Psalm 70*** **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: Let all who seek you

ALL: Rejoice and be glad in you

ONE: Let those who love Your salvation

ALL: Say evermore, "GOD is great!"

ONE: You are my help

ALL: You are my deliverer

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn of Praise: "Word of God Speak" - Mercy Me**

***Hymn: #391 Take My Life vs 1-5-6**

Children's Message 10 Cent Per Meal Hunger Offering

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: God of life and life eternal, we come humbly before you. We confess too often our eyes are closed, our minds are closed and our hearts are closed. You present yourself to us, yet we only see the world. You show us the way, yet we wander. We confess that we do not love you and your creation as we should. We take for granted the resources around us and never weigh the cost of exploiting them. We do not forgive others, and we do not forgive ourselves. We do not 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**

***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: 1Thess 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: **"Shut the door"** **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

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: #288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

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

***Sending song: Monitors - "I Got a Song" Solomon Ray**

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,

NOVEMBER

- 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 9:00am
- 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**

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