

\*Bible Study at 9:45am in the New Beginning Classroom.

\*Today we will observe All Saints Day. Following worship, we will walk to cemetery to remember our past loved ones with white roses.

\*Mission Meal Come Have Lunch on Wednesday, November 19. 11:30am. At this meal we will take donations for the mission work of LPC or you may bring canned vegetables for West Stanly Christian Ministry food pantry. Invite a friend to join you!!

\*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.

\*Following worship on Sunday, November 23 we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. We hope all will plan to stay to help decorate and enjoy lunch.

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

\*We host AA morning meetings here on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:00am in the fellowship hall.

### 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.

### Session & Committee Chairs

*Clerk of Session* – Chris Fish

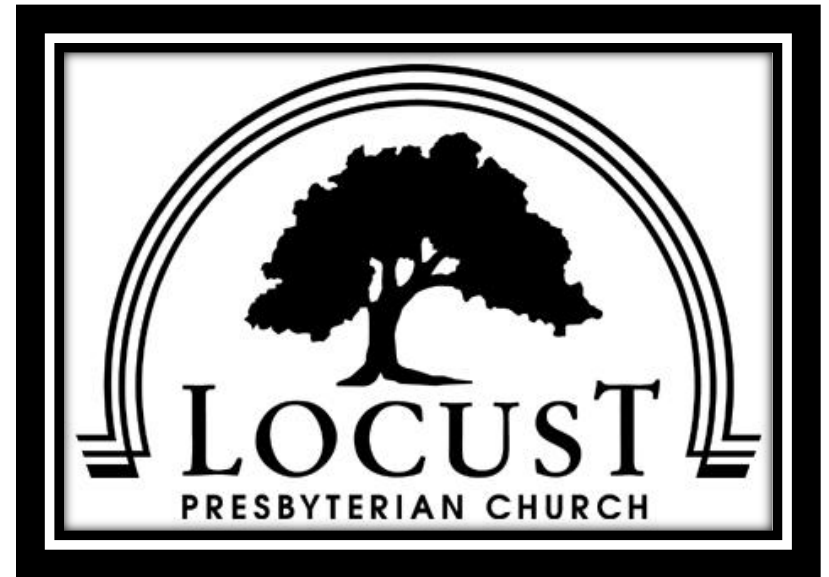
*Administration & Finance:* Trevor Bates

*Congregational Life & Mission:* Melissa Peck

*Building & Grounds:* Matt Salyer

*November 2, 2025*

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



**"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** Drucie Eudy  
**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Skidmore  
**Call to Worship:** Rev. Skidmore

ONE: Worship the Lord with gladness  
**ALL: We enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.**  
ONE: You Lord, have prepared a table for us  
**ALL: A table of abundant blessings**  
ONE: A table of grace and mercy  
**ALL: A table of forgiveness**  
ONE: A table that you share with all  
**ALL: A table where we know we are all welcome**

**\*Hymn of Praise: Monitor: "Goodness of God"**

**Morning Prayer** Rev. Skidmore  
**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 in alignment 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

**Prayer of Illumination** Rev. Skidmore

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

**Sermon: "An Inheritance"** Rev. Skidmore

**Invitation** Rev. Skidmore

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Sharing at the table**

**Offering**

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

**Exit to the graveyard for the Charge and Benediction**

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

**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:*

**Come Have Lunch – Wednesday, November 19, 11:30am – this is our Mission Meal and you can bring canned food items or a donation.**

**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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