Join us for homecoming Sunday Worship & covered dish next Sunday, October 18, at 10:00am. Please invite a friend to join you in worship and bring a favorite covered dish to share.

Come Have Lunch on Wednesday, October 21st for Oktoberfest! This is a community event and one you will not want to miss!!!

Trunk & Treat here on Sunday, October 25th, 4:00 to 6:00pm hosted by Girl Scout Troop 1061, Cub Pack 202 & Boy Scout Troop 202 all of which are based at our church. For more information see Matt or Contina Salyer. This is a community event.

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.

Bible Study - Invitation to Romans Disciple Study continues this Wednesday in the Prayer Shawl Room at 6pm. *No* meeting on October 28th and will conclude on November 11th.

Ten Cent Per Meal Update: The support of our Presbytery members and churches continues to grow over the years. You have gotten the word out to identify the need, and you have brought the offerings in to address the needs in response to our Lord's directive, *"Feed My Sheep"*. It is our hope that the Ten Cents-a-Meal program will continue to bolster the food security programs throughout our many varied communities of Charlotte Presbytery. At the same time, Ten Cents-a-Meal is designed to empower the outreach ministries of your church into the community you serve, thus enhancing your witness of God's Love and Care for your neighbors in need. Receive our thanks for your mutual support for Ten Cents-a-Meal. Rejoice with us that God continues to grow and bless the Ten Cents-a-Meal program as we feed all of God's children across fields of Charlotte Presbytery. Your TCaM Team

Session Team & Committee Chairs

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

October 11, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

LOCUST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"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: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt You, I will praise your name

ALL: You alone are worthy of praise

ONE: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

ALL: Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever!

ONE: Let us worship the Lord together

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn of Praise: "Lord, I Need You" Matt Maher**

***Hymn: #482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

Children's Message

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God. You created us in love, you sustain us in love, and you bring us to you through the love of Jesus, our Savior. Let us return that love through our actions towards each other. Forgive us when those actions hurt, belittle, or cause disharmony. As you give us new mercies each day, let us learn from you and reflect your mercy as we face the world's ugliness. Abide in us Lord as we abide in you. 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: Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: **"Many are called"** **Rev. Skidmore**

Affirmation: 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 #420 God of Grace and God of Glory 1-3-5**

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

***Sending song: Monitors "My God Can"**

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, Margaret Greer,
Vicki Higgins-knee replacement recovery, Diane Haggerty.

OCTOBER

- Homecoming & Lunch - Oct. 18 at 10:00am
- Come Have Lunch (Oktoberfest) - Oct. 21 at 11:30am

Trunk or Treat sponsored by Scout Troops Oct. 25, 4:00 – 6:00pm

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)*
- Decorate for Christmas & Lunch - Nov. 22 after worship
- First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 29

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