

*Today we were RED for Reformation Sunday. Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

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

*This Saturday, November 1 our Boy Scout Troop 202 will hold their annual fundraiser yard sale on the front lawn. If you have a donation, please call Jane Blackman - her and CJ will be glad to pick up. This is a fundraiser for summer trip!

*Next Sunday, November 2 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. Save this date!!!

*In October West Stanly Christian Ministry, is seeking donations of pasta and pasta sauces. You may place in basket.

Prayer Concerns

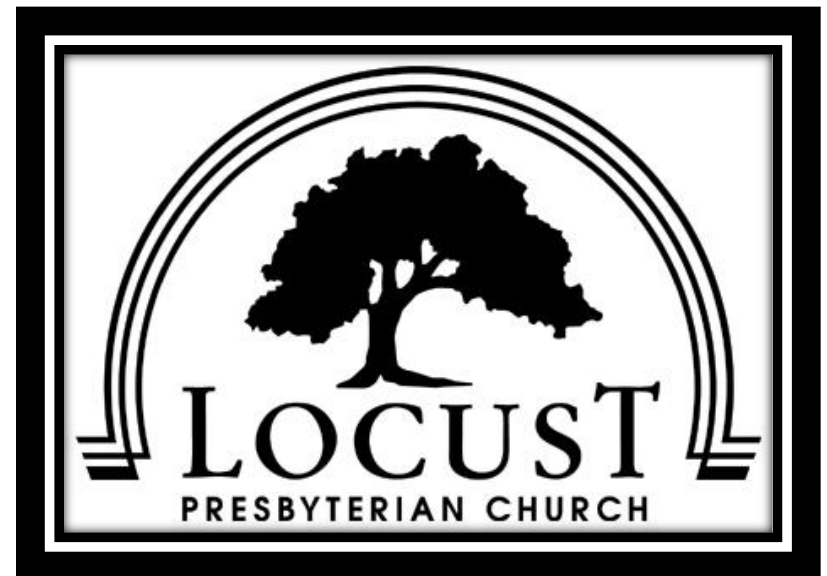
Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Glenda Love, Bill Freeman, Gay Troutman, Janice Hils, Helen Farrell Deborah & Ray Bradford, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Kay Baucom.

In his 1554, A Treatise on Prayer, Knox wrote, "What Prayer Is – Who will pray must know and understand that prayer is an earnest and familiar talking with God, to whom we declare our miseries, whose help we implore and desire in our adversities, and whom we laud and praise for our benefits received: so that prayer contains the exposition of our dolours, the desire of God's defence, and the praising of his magnificent name, as the psalms of David clearly teach."

October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday

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

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: Silence is praise to You

ALL: And also obedience

ONE: You hear the prayer in it all

ALL: Come Holy Spirit and lead us

ONE: Lead us in the way Christ showed us

ALL: The way of change

ONE: Create in us a fresh joy, a fresh life, devoted to You

ALL: We worship You, O God, and You only

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

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

Children's Message

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: from the prayers of Martin Luther
Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with You of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 65
Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Time to Change" **Rev. Skidmore**

***Hymn: #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

***Affirmation of Faith: From the Scots Confession**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance and yet three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Offering

Prayer over offering and prayers of the People

*** 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: #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

***Sending Song- #2281 – "May You Run And Not Be Weary"**

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

***Hymn: Monitors "Soul On Fire"**

Session & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates

Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck

Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer

**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:

Boy Scout Yard Sale here- Saturday, November 1 at 8am - items to donate – See Jane!

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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