

*We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger today. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery.

*We need you to stay after worship today for a building and grounds team meeting. Now is a great time to join this group led by Elder Matt Salyer.

*Sunday Bible Study-will resume at 4:30pm in the Prayer Shawl Room. All are invited to join in the study of "Religions" led by Rev. Ardy.

*Come Have Lunch this Wednesday, April 17th we will have a "Berry" special lunch. Come at 11:30am and bring a friend.

*Session member will have a training meeting following worship next Sunday, April 21st and lunch will be provided for the team.

*Card Ministry meets on Monday 9:30am. Would you like more info or help, contact Deb Bradford at 980.621.3892.

*Our Daily Bread daily devotionals are available in the narthex. Please pick one up to use in your devotions.

*Ladies(LOL) save the evening of May 8th for a fun event at the Manse starting at 6:30pm.

*Ladies Bible Study will meet Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm(2nd Tuesday of month). We meet at the Manse. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

*Charlotte Presbytery meeting will be held here at LPC on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30am. We will need volunteers that day to help with registration and serving lunch.

*Last Sunday lunch was a great success – save the date of June 30th for our next 5th Sunday Lunch!

Session & Committee Chairs with Mtg Dates

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates

Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer - 4-14 @ 12:15pm

Christian Education: Dennis Joyner

Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck

Worship & Music: Bonnie Hovey

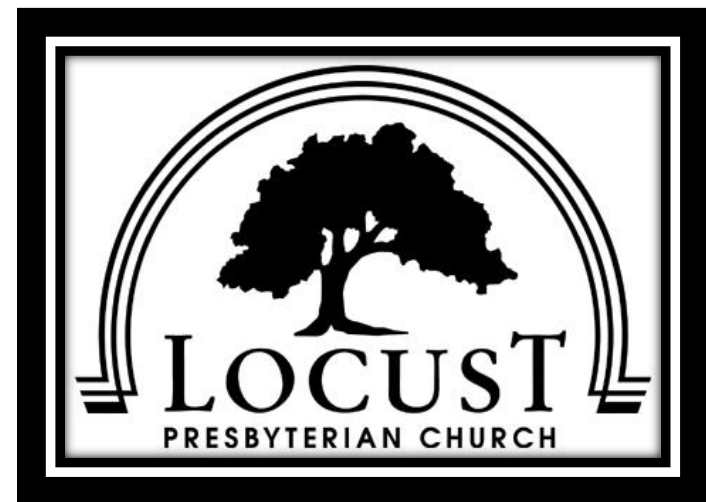
Communion Server – May 5 -

Children's Church – To volunteer see Dennis Joyner

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter



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



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Praise song to begin worship - words on the monitors.
Please join us in song.

Welcome & Announcements **Rev. Skidmore**

Call to Worship: **Rev. Skidmore**

ONE: Rejoice! Rejoice! I say Rejoice!

ALL: The God of all creation is alive

ONE: Rejoice, our Savior reigns

ALL: Jesus has conquered death and the grave

ONE: Rejoice, we are saved!

ALL: All praises to our God and King!

Morning Prayer

Children's Message

Younger children may depart with leader for children's church

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God, we come humbly before You to admit we fall short of the beings You call us to be. We see Your supreme act of forgiveness yet forget to do the same. We see Your great mercy and do not extend the same. We rejoice in the freedom You alone provide, yet hold back when we are called to serve. You are our Lord and Savior and we come to the foot of Your cross once again to seek You, to praise You and to ask for forgiveness. We call on Your Holy Spirit to help us be better disciples, better humans, better followers. Hear the silent cries of our heart.

Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Skidmore**

Scripture: Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: "Opening our minds" **Rev. Skidmore**

***Affirmation of Faith From the Belhar Confession**
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

***Hymn #108 Christ Is Alive! Vs 1-2-5**

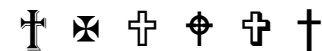
Prayers of the People including the Lord's prayer

***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 & Benediction** **Rev. Skidmore**

***See monitors for sending song**

Accompanist: Melissa Peck



Prayer Concerns:

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Gay Troutman, Bill Freeman, Nancy Bartlett, Charlie & Vicki Higgins, Patsy & Lamar Smith, Janice Hils, Kay Baucom, Glenda Love, Trent Burleson, Ray Bradford-hospital, Mike-brain tumor - friend of Jodi G, Johnny Ramsey-cancer-nephew of Betty Bates, Justin Baucom-Ranger Competition this weekend & safe travels for James and Greta.

The church has a Paypal account that we invite you to use for donations to the church.

