

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

First Sunday After Christmas Day

New Years Day

January 1, 2017



Founded 1859

Dr. Duane Hix, Interim Pastor

Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music

Mr. Sean McDonald, Organist

Supported Missionary

Christopher McReynolds

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Gracious God, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, draw us near to his side. Help us to follow his example, show thanks for his sacrifice, and rejoice eternally at the wonder of your love. Amen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please print your name on the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew, and return it to its starting place.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP – From Psalm 34

One: Come, let us bless the Lord at all times! May God's praise be always on our lips!

All: Come, let our souls delight in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!

One: For we sought the Lord, and the Lord answered, delivering us from all our fears.

All: Look to the Lord, and be radiant, for your face shall never be put to shame. Magnify the Lord, all people! Amen

*HYMN 124 Still, Still, Still

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Christmastide: you sent a star to guide wise men to the holy child Jesus. We confess in your presence that we have not followed the light of your Word, which you sent to guide us. He have not searched heaven and earth for signs of your presence, or trusted that your good news is truly good. We have failed to walk in your Son's footsteps, and refused his peace on earth. Forgive us, Lord. As the holiday of his birth is fresh in our hearts, renew faith within us. Help us watch for and find the way to his manger, and there at his feet place our gifts. Hear now our personal repentance....

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581 *Gloria Patri*

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME for all children

Children please meet your teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 63:7-9 OT PG. 693

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING - Matthew 2:13-23 NT PG. 2

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE “The Christmas Pageant” A story by Michael Lindvall from The Good News from North Haven, read by Rev. Hix

*HYMN 128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Apostles Creed (Unison)*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION RESPONSE: The Doxology # 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING (unison)

Lord, we ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need. And in that spirit we offer these gifts and ourselves for you and to you, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 110 Love Has Come

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain
(v. 3 and refrains)

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn..
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand.*

Welcome to everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May each of us know the presence of the risen Christ as we worship and feel the warmth and love of the community of Christ here today. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in the worship and work of Jesus Christ through the ministries of this congregation. To receive information about the life of this faith community, please mark the Friendship Pad.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 3

5:30 pm Fellowship Committee - Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm BEG

Jan. 4

5:30 pm WMA

6:30 Epiphany Worship Service

Jan. 8

4:30 pm Deacons

Jan. 10

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

Jan. 11

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

Jan. 12

5:30 pm Child Care

Jan. 16

7:00 pm Session

Jan. 17

5:30 pm CNE

Jan. 18

5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner

Jan 22

9:45 Sunday School Teachers Breakfast

Jan. 30

5:30 pm PW Coordinating

JANUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Edna Ann Loftus, chair, Miriam Bounds, Sharon Brandon, Janice Liles, Annette Morgan, Dawn Salzlein, and Janet Smith

NOTES AND THANKS

Please Keep Anne Collins family in your prayers she passed away

December 27, 2016. She was the sister of John McRae and sister in law of Celeste McRae.

Chrismon Decorating Committee and anyone interested in helping to take down decorations, please meet Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Thanks, Charlotte McLean, Chairman

MACS (Maturing Adult Christians) will meet for a movie, soup and sandwich lunch in January. Betty and Sis will be in touch after Christmas.

REMINDER: The 2017 Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship forms are available outside the church office. Please pick up forms. This is provided by the Coastal Carolina Presbytery and is due February 13, 2017. Thanks. Virginia Ann McCormick , PW Moderator

Rehearsals for all ensembles resume the week of January 8. New members are always welcome!

Chancel Choir (High School-Adult): Wednesdays 7:15-8:15 pm,
Sundays 10:30 am

Youth Handbells (Middle/High School): Sundays 5-5:45 pm

Joyful Singers & Ringers (Grades 1-8): Sundays 10-10:30 am

Joyful Noisemakers (PreK-Grade 1): Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm

Sunday School Teachers' Breakfast

All teachers and substitute teachers for Explorers and Trekkers are invited to an appreciation breakfast and planning meeting on Sunday, January 22, 9:45-10:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. Invitations will be sent via email—please RSVP!

2017 Stewardship Update 12/21/16

2017 Pledge Budget.....\$412, 915

2017 Pledges Received.....\$362, 304

2017 Pledges Needed.....\$50, 611

2017 Pledges Received = 88% of Goal

If you have not turned in your 2017 pledge card, please mail it or drop it off in the church financial office as soon as possible. Thank you,
The Stewardship/Membership Committee

NOTE FROM THE MISSION STUDY TEAM

Have you taken the Congregational Survey yet? You may do so online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/laurinburgpres> or you may pick

up a paper copy in the lobby near the offices. Please return paper copies to the office. Online submissions will be processed automatically upon submission. Thank you! We would like surveys to be completed soon.

Presbyterian Women Hospitality

If your child is a college student please contact office with their name and address ASAP. Thanks Sis. Thomas , PW Hospitality Chair

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Clark Hanmer, Louise Wester, Sarah Bullock, Jake Caudill, Millie Peele, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Elizabeth McIntosh, Klare Van Dusen

Scotia Special Care: Frances Haupt, Ann Hill, Margaret Caudill

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, John and Helen Baker, Marjorie Coughenour

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WELCOME

2017

THE SESSION: Moderator Dr. Duane Hix (cell: 919-819-7198)

Class of 2016

John Baker
Julian Butler
David Harling
Bill Hill
Fred Mabry
Lynn Mason
Maggie Ratcliffe

Class of 2017

Anne Caudill
Mike Coughenour
Debby Holcomb
Edna Ann Loftus
Richard Massey
Larry Schulz
Clint Willis

Class of 2018

Kristen Anderson
Scott Miller
Martha Olmstead
Robin Snead
Janet Smith
Nick Sojka
Susan Wentz

THE DEACONATE: Moderator: Denise Herr

Class of 2016

Denise Herr
Kim Liles
Richard Mabry
Kaye McMillan
Jimmy Stubbs

Class of 2017

Kitson Broadbelt
Chris Carmichael
Stuart Carmichael
Bill Loftus
Chris Rhue
Ellen Thompson

Class of 2018

Barbara Bateman
Beverly Bowling
David Carmichael
John Decembrino
Dan Sprouse
Debra Sutherland

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Moderator: Virginia Ann McCormick

Vice-Moderator, Leslie Sellers

Delia Muse, Treasurer

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