

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016



Founded 1859

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 10, 2016

Eleven o'clock

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Today's is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. The Call to Worship and Litany of Confession are a reaffirmation of our baptism, and a renunciation and affirmation of faith for us. Join us as we affirm that which we believe.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *A reaffirmation of baptism*

One: God has shown you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?

All: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

One: Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord;

All: walk as children of light...and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:8,10)

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world.

All: Through our baptism we were made citizens of that kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Renunciations and Affirmation of Faith

One: Since we all sin and fall short of the glory of God I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will with God's help.

One: Let us remember our baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

**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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

*Children remain with their families today for communion.
Parents may take their younger children to the nursery.*

A SERVICE FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Class of 2018 Elders and Deacons being ordained and installed please gather at the front of the sanctuary.

Minister: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Minister: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Elder Lynn Mason: Speaking for the people of the church, I bring these to be ordained and installed as elders and deacons.

Elder Class of 2018: *Kristen Anderson, Scott Miller, Martha Olmstead, Robin Snead, Janet Smith, Nick Sojka, Susan Wentz*

Deacon Class of 2018: *Barbara Bateman, Beverly Bowling, David Carmichael, John Decembrino, Dan Sprouse, Debra Sutherland*

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO NEW OFFICERS

Minister: God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen. I ask you now to give answer to the following constitutional questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all, and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

New Officers: I do.

Minister: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

New Officers: I do.

Minister: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

New Officers: I do and I will.

Minister: Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

New Officers: I will.

Minister: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

New Officers: I will.

Minister: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

New Officers: I will.

Minister: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

New Officers: I do.

Minister: Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

New Officers: I will.

Minister addresses new elders

Minister: Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

New Elders: I will.

Minister addresses new deacons

Minister: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

New Deacons: I will.

Elder Lynn Mason: Do we, members of the church, accept these members as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Elder Lynn Mason: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Congregation: We do.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION PRAYERS

During the following prayers, those new officers not previously ordained shall kneel and the elders and ministers present shall participate in the laying on of hands.

Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these members whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

New Officers: Eternal God: You have chosen me. Now give me strength, wisdom, and love to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers continue by the congregation

Congregation: God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Minister: You are now elders and deacons in the church and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God our creator. Amen.

WELCOME

Minister: Go in peace, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-22 NT 60

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

So Far So Good

Neal Carter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The 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.

*HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Like a Dove

Purifoy

Like a dove the Spirit came to Him. Like a dove, and it remained with Him. From above a voice cried, "this is my beloved Son, with whom I'm well pleased."

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

CALL TO THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING and 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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our communion bread is gluten-free. Worshipers may eat the bread as they receive it, but are asked to hold the cup until all are served.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

You are a good God who creates, gives birth, redeems, feeds, and encourages us to grow. Thank you for your many blessings to us. May those blessings now flow out to others in your name, we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 543 *verses 1 and 4*

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*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. If you would like to speak with Neal Carter or receive information about the life of this faith community, mark the Friendship Pad or call Neal in the office 276-0831, ext. 302. If you would like to join, please let Neal know.

Starting this morning, Sunday, January 10, the Joyful Singers & Ringers are testing a new rehearsal plan. We will rehearse Sunday from 10-10:30 am in room 219. All kids in K-Grade 8 are welcome to join us! Rehearsals will focus on preparing music for our worship participation on: 1/31, 2/21, 3/20, and 4/24. Spring concert tentative 4/20. Children will have Wednesday music time from 6:30-7 pm Jan. 13-Feb. 17. Sessions will be geared toward younger kids (PreK-1st grade) and will focus on building rhythm skills, matching pitches, and finding our singing voices. Kids in

the overlapping age range are encouraged to participate in both groups as often as possible. Talk to Jaime (jam6ah@gmail.com or 910-258-8459) if you have questions or concerns.

Sunday, January 10 - 5:30 pm Deacons' meeting

Sunday, January 10 High School Youth will meet at the LPC parking lot at 2:00 to go ice skating in Fayetteville. The cost of skating is \$10. Youth that are 18 years or older will be required to have their driver's license. We will skate to around 5:00 and then return to the church for our meal. HSY will end after our meal.

Middle School Youth will meet at the regular time 5:45 for dinner and a program with Lyndsey.

Youth and parents: CROSS mission trip to Charlotte Jan 29-31 forms are available outside the church office. The cost of the weekend is \$75 and payment is due on January 17. All youth are required to complete the Myer Park Presbyterian Church Medical and Liability Release Form and Covenant Form. Other upcoming events: Ski Trip March 4-6; Montreat Youth Conference (for rising 9th-graduating seniors) July 17-23

Parents of College Students: We need email address, mailing address and cell phone number. Please email them to laurinburgpres@bizec.rr.com for the PW Valentine candy list.

Tuesday, January 12 - pm Membership/Stewardship Committee
6 pm TOT at the Downtown Club gathering and fellowship starts at 6 pm. 7 pm dinner: chicken fajitas and tossed green salad followed by discussion. Sign up today on the friendship pad.
8 pm Youth Basketball game in McColl. Come support our youth.

Wednesday, January 13 - 6 pm Fellowship Meal: BBQ chicken, potato salad, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread, tea, dessert (\$7 adults children under 12 \$3); sign up today on friendship pad; 6:30 pm Reflections on the College Conference & the Blaze: Evangelism with Lyndsey; 6:30-7 pm Joyful Noise Choir; 7 pm Finance & Administration Committee; 7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 14 - 8 pm Youth Basketball game in McColl.
Come support our youth.

Sunday, January 17 Whitechapel Ringers (Grade 6-Adult)
rehearsals after worship from about 12:15-1 pm. Whitechapel
Ringers will play for worship on 1/31, 2/28, 3/27, and 4/7 or 5/1.

Scout Sunday is February 7 at LPC Scouts lead us in worship!
1-5 pm Crossover Ceremony and Pinewood Derby (fellowship
hall) ***Boy Scout Troop 420 will celebrate 85 years of Scouting
in 2016. We want to invite all who have participated in the Troop
to a celebration. If interested, please email your name and phone
to david@davidharling.com

Please remember these in your prayers—

Georgia Dye (in-home care you may write to Georgia and Bob
c/o Darcy Bower 3439 Bradley Place, Raleigh, NC 27607)
Continuing Concerns: Helen Baker, Lucile Bridgeman, Margaret
Caudill, Marge Coughenour, Jacque Doubles, Nancy Ezell, Clark
Hanmer, Connie Harris, Lynn Mabry, Ray McCormick; In Scotia
Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia
Johnson, Mackey McCormick; Special: Anne Collins, Reba Essey,
Frances Haupt, Edna McKeithen; Assisted: Betty Wayne Cooley,
Ann & Ervin Hill, Helen Middleton, Adell Page; At Scottish Pines:
Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

2016 Stewardship Update 1/6/15

2016 Pledge Budget	\$453,214
2016 Pledges Received	\$389,780
2016 Pledges Needed	\$63,434

2016 Pledges Received = 86% of Goal

If you have not turned in your 2016 pledge card, please mail it
or drop it off in the church financial office as soon as possible.
Thank you, The Stewardship/Membership Committee

MISSIONS: Canned vegetables are needed for Church
Community Services. Baskets are located at the entrances for
your contributions.

The Session

Moderator: Neal Carter

Class of 2015

Jacque Britt
Beth Elliott
Craig Ellis
Allen McLaurin
Celeste McRae
Lynn Massey
Bill Purcell, II

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

The Deaconate

Moderator: Denise Herr

Class of 2015

Doug Harris
Pat Hix
Randy Miller
Amy Sloop
Kevin Patterson
Jamie Synan

Class of 2016

Denise Herr
Kim Liles
Richard Mabry
Kaye McMillan
Don Ohl
Jimmy Stubbs

Class of 2017

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

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