

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 22, 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 22, 2017

Eleven o' clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Gracious God, as we remember 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      Reflection on "If Thou But Trust"      Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP      From Psalm 107

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, with steadfast love that endures forever.

**All: We wandered in desert places, finding no way in the wilderness. Hungry and thirsty, our souls fainted within us.**

One: Then the Lord delivered us from our distress, and led us by a straight way.

**All: So let us thank the Lord for steadfast love. Let us praise the God of our salvation. Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 401      Here in This Place

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**How often we disappoint you, God. You created us to be your children, but we would rather be our own masters. You equipped us with freedom and wisdom to decide rightly, but the smallest of temptations lead us astray. You recognize our failings and offer your grace, but we are ashamed to admit our sin, so we turn away. Have mercy on us. Strengthen us for your service; protect us from ourselves and all that would harm us. Guide us toward true humanity and fullness of life. Please forgive also these personal prayers of 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.*

Anthem: Known to You, Catherwood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:1-11 PG. 3

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE "The Tempter Came" Dr. Duane Hix

\*HYMN 816 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In the Lord's Prayer, we say to God, "Do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one." This means that by ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. Yet our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own flesh – never stop attacking us. And so we ask the Lord to uphold us and make us strong with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but**

**may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.** From The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

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.**

OFFERER OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY      How Great Thou Art      Held

\*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, help us to ask not for what we want but for what you want for us. In that spirit, we offer these gifts for the purposes of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 625      O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 127 (Refrain only) Jesus the Light of the World

**We'll walk in the light beautiful light  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright  
O, shine all around us by day and by night  
Jesus, the light of the world**

POSTLUDE      Postlude in C      Bach

*\*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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Cornelius Bushoven, Jr. by his family.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TODAY**

**9:45 Sunday School Teachers Breakfast**

**Jan. 24**

**MAC'S -12 Noon - Soup, Sandwich, dessert and movie "Sully".**

**Please make reservations to eat! Thank you, Sis. Thomas**

**Jan. 29**

**Annual Congregational Meeting After Worship**

**Jan. 30**

**5:30 pm PW Coordinating**

**JAN. 31**

**Deadline for parents of college students to send in their addresses.**

### **JANUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE**

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

**Feb. 5**

**SCOUT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP, SOUPER BOWL OFFERING**

**FEB. 12**

**All - Church Mini-Retreat for Mission Study**

## ***NOTES AND THANKS***

**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 McCormick, PW Moderator

**Save the Date!** The annual beach retreat for all women in our church is planned for February 17th - 19th. Thought provoking study, fellowship and enjoyment of the coast are all parts of this remarkable weekend. If you have any questions call Clara Butler or Lynn Massey. Call the church office to sign up.

**Rehearsals for all ensembles have resumed.** 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 1/19/17**

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

2017 Pledges Received.....\$375, 804

2017 Pledges Needed.....\$37, 111

2017 Pledges Received = 91% 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

### **Make your appointment for the LPC Photo Directory!**

Life Touch Photography will be at LPC on February 21-25, 2017 to take individual and family portraits! Each family or individual will receive a free "community connect" directory of our church, plus a portrait. Additional pictures will be available for purchase. We are also going to have a .pdf version of the directory available. You may bring a well-behaved pet or meaningful paraphernalia to include in the portrait. To make your appointment, access the following link: <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/laurinburgpresbyterian-church/index.php?page=10>

If you need assistance or have questions, please call Janet Smith at 910/690-9643.

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Get your appointment by February 10, 2017. If you need assistance or have questions, please call Janet Smith at 910/690-9643.

***Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—***

Our neighbor and Presbyterian Pastor Howard Whitehurst, who had major heart surgey last week.

**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

**At Scottish Pines:** Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

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**Copies of the 2016 Annual Reports are available at back of the Sanctuary.**

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

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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

**Class of 2019**

Danny Caddell  
John Clark  
David Herr  
Deborah Hobbs  
Richard Mabry  
Annette Morgan  
Kevin Patterson

**THE DEACONS: Moderator: Bill Loftus**

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

**Class of 2018**

Barbara Bateman  
Beverly Bowling  
David Carmichael  
Dan Sprouse  
Debra Sutherland

**Class of 2019**

Jacque Britt  
Lynn Davis  
Kristen Dean  
John Gullege  
Susan Hartwell  
Bette Sellers

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Moderator: Virginia Ann McCormick**

Vice-Moderator, Leslie Sellers

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