

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

4th Sunday After Epiphany

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 29, 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 29, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with thanksgiving.

All: Know that the Lord is God, who made us, and we are his. We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise. Give thanks and bless God's holy name.

All: For the Lord is good, with steadfast love that endures forever, and with faithfulness to all generations. Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Hymn 386 Come, Worship God

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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God of the ages, on the holy mountain you granted Israel your Law, commandments by which they could live and be blessed. Yet they broke your commandments to worship a god of gold. So a second time you came to a mountain, became our teacher, gave us new commandments and promised more blessings. Do not let us make the same mistake twice, Lord. Save us from weak resignation to the temptations that surround us. Teach us patience in the midst of turmoil, courage in the face of danger, and mercy in the wake of harm. Help us find our blessings within what we now endure as well as in the reward that will eventually come. Please hear also our 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*

Glorify 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 *After the children's message,
children can meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to go to
Sunday School.*

Anthem How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place, Nygard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 15 PG. 495

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 5:1-12 PG. 4

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Beatitudes – Blessed Are" Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children; healing the sick, binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.... God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless

life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

From A Brief Statement of Faith

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.

OFFERERING 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, 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 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

Those unable to stay for the congregation meeting can leave during the final hymn.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CONVENES

*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**

*BENEDICTION

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.

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in honor of John Baker, by the 3 M's Class, in appreciation of his dedication in teaching their class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Annual Congregational Meeting After Worship

Jan. 30

5:30 pm PW Coordinating

JAN. 31-VALENTINE CANDY

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

Feb. 1

5:30 pm WMA

Feb.5

Scout Sunday In Worship-Souper Bowl Offering

4:30 pm Deacons

Feb. 7

Candy individually wrapped due in LPC kitchen for Valentine mailing to College Students- Please note on candy if made with nuts!

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

7:00 pm BEG

Feb. 8

9:30 Candy Packing in Session Room - Sis. Thomas

5:30 pm Fellowship Committee

Feb. 10

9:30 am Beach Retreat Meeting in Session Room

Feb. 12

All- Church Mini Retreat for Mission Study

Feb. 15

5:30 pm Beach Retreat Meeting in Session Room

7:00 pm CN & E

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

Feb. 16

5:30 pm Child Care

Feb. 17-19

PW Beach Retreat

Feb. 20

7:00 pm Session

Feb. 21-25

LPC Photo Directory

Feb. 27

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

JANUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

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

FEBRUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Martha Floyd, chair, Pam Coughenour, Sibyle Dulin,
Catherine McLaurin, Sue Jones, Susan Hartwell

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

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/laurinburgpresbyterianchurch/index.php?page=10>

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

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, Elizabeth McIntosh

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, 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.

HAPPY



VALENTINE'S

DAY



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

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

Class of 2019

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

THE DEACONS: Moderator: Bill Loftus

Class of 2017

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

Delia Muse, Treasurer

Beverly Bowling, Secretary

Betsy Massey, Historian

Moderator of Search Committee,

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