

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

January 7, 2018

The Festival of Epiphany/The Baptism of Jesus

Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action



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 7, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Lord of Light: in your Son, you came among us, born in a manger, walking the streets of Israel. Now we seek to follow his light as the new year begins. Abide with us this hour that we may abide with you in the months ahead. Amen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew, and return it to its starting place. Say "hi" to your neighbor!

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leaders: Let us now light a candle in the name of the Creator, who illuminated the heavens and breathed life into humanity.

Let us also light a candle in the name of the Son, who saved the world and sent us forth with good news to all who listen.

Let us also light a candle in the name of the Spirit, who encompasses the universe and endows us with a yearning for the fullness of God.

All: We light three candles for the Trinity of Love: God above us, God beside us, God beneath us – the beginning, the end, the everlasting One. Praise the Lord, all people. Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN 151 We Three Kings (please be seated during the hymn so you can see the Procession of the Kings.)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternal light: you sent a star, rising brightly out of darkness, guiding seekers and sages, offering the world hope and guidance. But we have followed other stars, seek-

ing glory, and we have followed other paths, seeking unlimited freedom. Our hearts have been drawn toward earthly kingdoms of power, rather than to an obscure manger and a humble messiah. Forgive us, God. Send out your light and your truth to all nations. Let your dawning grace grow within us, until the whole world shines with your glory. Hear now 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 #583

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

(On communion Sundays we invite children to remain with their parents in worship rather than going to Sunday school. Parents of young children may take them to the nursery as needed.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60: 1-7 Pg. 690

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: The Work of Christmas Forrest

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:4-11 Pg. 34

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE " Nations Shall Come to Your Light"

*HYMN 314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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.

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)

Your Spirit, Lord, showers gifts down upon us daily. In this prayer of dedication, we pause to thank you. Please accept our grateful hearts as a sacrifice of praise, and guide us to use rightly the gifts we now place before you. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

An invitation in Song – Hymn 507, v. 1 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 up to the Lord.

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

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

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Communion today is by distribution of the elements. Our bread is gluten free. Worshippers may eat the bread as they receive it, but please hold the cup until all are served.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the marriage feast of the Lamb. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 150 As With Gladness Men of Old

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL TO THE OUTER DOOR

(Please refer to the liturgy handed out as you exit.)

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Roland Stout

**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 min-

istries of this congregation. To receive information about the life of this faith community, please mark the Friendship Pad.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7

4:30 pm Deacons

January 9

5:00 pm CNE

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

January 10

5:00 pm Fellowship

7:00 pm Finance/Administrative

January 11

5:30 pm Childcare

January 15

7:00 pm Session

January 17

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

JANUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Edna Ann Loftus Co-chair, Janice Liles, Annette Morgan,
Miriam Bounds, Janet Smith

JANUARY USHER TEAM # 4

Bradley Williams, Lead, John Clark, Greg Wood,
Mike Coughenour, Joel Hartwell, Barbara Bateman, David Herr,
Wayne Hobbs, John Massey, Michael Sellers,
Jamie Sutherland, Drew Williamson

NOTES AND THANKS

All music used in Church Services that are not in The Glory To God Hymnal are protected by Church Copyright License, CCLI # 11496004.

Please join us in taking down the Christmas decorations on January 10 at 9:00 a.m. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!!!!!!

Thanks

Charlotte McLean

2018 Stewardship Update

2018 Pledge Budget-----\$405,772

2018 Pledges Received-----\$365,794

110 Pledges Received

2018 Pledges Needed-----\$39,978

2018 Pledges Received = 90% of Goal

Charles

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Marty Underwood

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson,
Frances Haupt, Mackey McCormick, Louise Wester

Scotia Special Care: Margaret Caudill

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce,
Marion McNair, Marjorie Coughenour, Flo Johnson, Millie Peele,
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David Breeden	John Clark	Chris Rhue
Martha Olmstead	David Herr	Craig Ellis
Robin Snead	Deborah Hobbs	Jim Mason
Janet Smith	Richard Mabry	Angela Purcell
Nick Sojka	Annette Morgan	Chris Carmichael
Susan Wentz	Kevin Patterson	Julian Butler

THE DEACONS: Moderator: Bob Dyer

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Barbara Bateman	Jacque Britt	John McRae
Beverly Bowling	Lynn Davis	Sis Thomas
David Carmichael	Kirsten Dean	Jane McLaurin
Dan Sprouse	Candy Nichols	Kathy Williamson
Debra Sutherland	Susan Hartwell	Laurene Stubbs
Bob Dyer	Bette Sellers	Matt Purcell

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Moderator: Leslie Sellers

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