

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

October 1, 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

October 1, 2017

Eleven o' clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Lord of the universe, on this World Communion Sunday, open our hearts and minds to see the breadth of your wisdom and the works of your church. Abide with us this hour that we may abide with you wherever we go in this big world. 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.

"A Minute For Stewardship" - Alex Bryant

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 399 God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

(The choir will sing it two times and then the congregation will join in to sing two more times).

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 318 In Christ There is No East or West

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All gracious God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. Yet we stubbornly cling to divisive ways. Have mercy upon us. Forgive everything we do that wrongly separates us, all the proud claims that prevent proper reunion. Intercede for your church, troubled and struggling. Renew in us true unity of purpose and deep concern for others different from ourselves. We yearn to break bread together with friends and even with enemies, and with one voice unite in praise of Christ Jesus, our common Lord. Please now receive also these personal prayers of confession....

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 #591 - Refrain

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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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: Matthew 21:28-32 Pg. 23

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Hands for the World Berg

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:1-11 Pg. 197

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "Though He Was in the Form of God"

Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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 have been served.)

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 832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please be seated during the postlude)

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Denise Herr

**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

TODAY

World Communion Sunday

4:30 pm Deacons

October 3

3:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

7:00 pm BEG

October 4

5:30 WMA

October 8

Youth Group Fund Raiser For Puerto Rico

Please remain after church to enjoy delicious Chicken Bog (Chef Amy Sloop) for \$6.00 a plate, plus dessert. Proceeds will benefit hurricane victims in Puerto Rico, including Jose's and Mabel's families.

October 10

5:00 pm CNE

October 11

5:00 pm Fellowship

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

October 12

5:30 pm Childcare

October 16

7:00 pm Session

October 22

7:00 pm Memorial Bible Lectures

October 23

7:00 pm Memorial Bible Lectures

October 29

Congregational Meeting After Worship

October Sanctuary Committee

*Kim Liles, Co-chair, Delia Muse, Linda Maddox, Shirley Pait, Carol Coughenour (Mike), Lillian Boger

October Usher Team #1

*Richard Mabry-Lead, Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell,

David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill, Richard Massey, John McRae, Maggie Ratcliffe, Scott Sellers, Andy Womble

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.

Anyone interested in going together to **Centre Presbyterian Church Ingathering on Thursday**, Oct. 5. We are trying to get a Bus Load. We leave the church at quarter till 11.

Please contact Sis Thomas, 272-0220.

ARTS MINISTRY COMMITTEE

An Arts Ministry Committee is being formed to produce various artistic expressions of our faith throughout our church buildings. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Susan Wentz (276-0587 or susuwentz@gmail.com). We invite your creative ideas!

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Sammy Simmons, George Shannon

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Scotia Special Care: Margaret Caudill

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce, Marion McNair, Marjorie Coughenour, Flo Johnson, Millie Peele, Elizabeth McIntosh

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