

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

October 15, 2017

28th 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 15, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

In the midst of our busy world, Lord, we pause in this sacred place to watch and listen for you. Send your Spirit among us. Quiet our souls; illumine our mind; steady our resolve, that we may hear your Word and do your will when we leave this place.

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" - Emily Womble

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE The Swan Saint-Saens

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 130

One: We wait for the Lord; our soul waits, and in God's word we hope.

All: We wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who yearn for the dawn.

One: O people of God, hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

All: It is God who will redeem us from all our brokenness; let us praise the Lord of hope, all people! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of heaven and earth: you know us better than we know ourselves. You recognize that we seek comfort and ease even at the loss of faithfulness. We are creatures of habit, with routines to steady us, and familiar ruts to follow. Thank you for bringing some calm into our hectic lives, but forgive us when comfort and sameness deafen our ears to your call. We are so ready to settle for lesser gods that we lose the splendor of your company, which would lead us to new horizons. Pull us out of our comfort zones and into your arms, Lord. For you are our only true comfort, in life and death. Please now receive 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

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

(Children should meet their teachers at the back of the sanctuary and walk upstairs as a group for Children's Church. Parents, please collect your children from room 207 after worship.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:1-6 Pg. 577

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Walking with God Basler

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139: 7-18 Pg. 578

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE " Stories of Renewal: Out of Our Comfort Zone"
Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Christian Church is the congregation of the faithful in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely Christ's property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

From The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY Offertory Wood

*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)

All things come from you, O Lord. Out of your bountiful creation we give this portion back to you. Bless this offering, and bless us, to the service of your kingdom. Amen

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 817 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Short Fugue in F Pachelbel
(Please be seated during the postlude)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST TO ONE ANOTHER

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Danny Caddell

**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! Come enjoy a delightful concert here in the sanctuary at 2 pm. Renowned Italian trumpeter Ivano Ascari will perform, accompanied by Sean McDonald on the organ and UNCP Professor Tim Altman. This is a remarkable opportunity right here in your own comfortable pew! Refreshments will follow.

October 16

7:00 pm Session

October 17

6:30 pm Theology on Tap McDuff's

October 18

6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner (Please RSVP in pew pads)

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

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Many thanks to Jane McLaurin for playing flute during today's anthem and offertory.

Junior Youth (grades 1-5) will meet tonight from 5:45-7 pm in room 209 for dinner and art projects. Friends are always welcome! Talk to Jaime if you have questions.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Sammy Simmons, George Shannon

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

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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