

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016

World Communion Sunday



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
World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2016

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Lord of the universe: open our minds to know the breadth of your wisdom; open our hearts to feel the wonder of your grace; open our eyes to see the work of your Spirit. Abide with us this hour that we may abide with you all our lives. Amen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PEACEMAKING OFFERING

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

Halle, Halle, Halle

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus Christ, savior of the nations, stretches his arms to gather the people of the world.

All: His arms embrace Americans and Asians, Europeans and Russians, Hispanics and Africans, all who inhabit this global village.

One: His arms stretch out on the beams of the cross, an offering of holy sacrifice, that all may find abundant life.

All: We respond to that gift in celebration, sharing the bread and cup of communion. Let us worship God, who alone is worthy of our praise! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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 on 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 true concern for others different from ourselves. We yearn to break bread together with friends and enemies, and with one voice unite in praise of Jesus Christ, our common Lord. 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 591 (2x)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

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Hallelujah, hallelujah!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

(Children remain in worship today for communion; parents may take younger children to the nursery.)

ANTHEM Tunaomba Mungu Atawale (We Pray God to Reign), arr. Paradowski (Chancel Choir, Joyful Singers, and Cherub Choir, with percussion)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14

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One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

THE MESSAGE "The Wedding Banquet and the World"

*HYMN 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit of God gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

From A Brief Statement of Faith

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

(We also receive today the Peacemaking Offering of the Presbyterian Church. One quarter of the offering remains in our congregation for a local peacemaking project of our choice.)

OFFERTORY The Gift of Love

*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, your steadfast love never ceases, and your mercies never end. Use these gifts, we pray, that through them your compassion may be known throughout the world. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Our communion bread is gluten-free. Worshippers may eat the bread as they receive it, but are asked to hold the cups until all are 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

*HYMN 832

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 765

**May the God of hope go with us every day
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace
May the God of justice speed us on our way
Bringing light and hope to every land and race
Praying, let us work for peace
Singing, share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new
Faithful when we hear Christ's call**

*POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**All who are able may stand.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2

4:30 pm Deacons

October 3

PW Circle Meetings

7:00 pm Circle 1- Phyllis Breeden's Home

5:00 pm Circle 2 &3 - Eileen McKinnon & Vivian Carter's Home

3:45 pm Circle 4 - Scotia Village

October 4

7:00 pm BEG

October 5

5:30 pm WMA

October 9

3:00 pm at Saint David's Episcopal Church on Covington Street there is a blessing of the animals. You are welcome to bring your pets for a brief service of Blessing.

October 12

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

October 13

5:30 pm Childcare

October 17

7:00 pm Session

October 24

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team - LPC Session Room

October 26

7:00 pm CNE

REHEARSAL

Parents please keep in mind that we will be having rehearsal on Sundays.

Children's Choir 10-10:30 am

Youth Handbells: 5-5:45 pm

Youth Groups: 5:45-7:30

October Sanctuary Committee

Kim Liles, Chair, Delia Muse, Linda Maddox, Shirley Pait, Carol Coughenour (Mike), Gloria Coughenour, Lillian Boger

October Greeters

Oct. 2	Geoff & Molly Taylor
Oct. 9	John & Martha Olmstead
Oct. 16	John & Henrietta Carmichael
Oct. 23	Nick & Lucy Sojka
Oct. 30	Clint & Carlene Willis

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANNE MCBRYDE

Memorial service for Anne McByrde will be held at LPC on October 13, 2016 at 3:30 pm.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Dr. Hix is compiling a list of recent visitors and non-members who worship regularly to invite them all to a new member class. If you are not yet a formal member of our congregation and would like to join, please let Dr. Hix or the office know so he does not miss any possible interested person. The class will take about 3 hours. We will study basic beliefs of Christianity, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and aspects of this particular congregation. All are welcome to the class, and all questions about our faith are welcome in the class!

Copies of Dr. Hix’s messages are available at the front entrance of Fellowship Hall for anyone that’s interested.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Margaret Caudill, Ray McCormick, Clark Hanmer, Anne Ramsey Melton, Louise Wester, Katherine McKay, Sarah Bullock, Jake Caudill, Millie Peele Elizabeth McIntosh, Flo Johnson, Jake Coughenour

In Scotia Skilled: Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Klare Van Dusen (Scotia 94 Farmhouse)

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Edna Ann Loftus
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Class of 2018

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Janet Smith
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Richard Mabry
Kaye McMillan
Jimmy Stubbs

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018

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David Carmichael
John Decembrino
Dan Sprouse
Debra Sutherland

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