

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

October 22, 2017

29th 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 22, 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 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 From Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God! The Lord is our creator, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter God's house with gratitude and praise. Give thanks to God, and bless his name.

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 503 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear our prayer, dear God, as we remember the times that grief and sorrow have hurt us. Into every life some rain must fall, or so the old saying goes. Even a righteous life cannot protect us from misfortune and loss. Loved ones die before their time. Accidents rob us of health and safety. We are shocked and saddened at tragic events over which we have no control. Save us from despair, God. Grant us faith that

helps us recover. Send angels of mercy to stand at our side. Give us eyes to see new opportunities in the midst of a dark night of misfortune. Be our guide and friend as we continue our journey toward your eternal kingdom, and receive these 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 4:1-8 Pg. 490

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Friedel

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12: 9-18 Pg. 162

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "Stories of Renewal: "My Life Has Totally Changed"
Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ.... We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent, and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.

From A Declaration of Faith 1976 (P.C.U.S.)

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 For the Beauty of the Earth Rutter

*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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS

A Review of Committees, Boards, and Current Opportunities

Finding Your Place as we Put "**The Word in Action**"

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 353 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST TO ONE ANOTHER

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is **Bill Loftus**

**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 memory of Dr. and Mrs. T.A. Coughenour and Clarence Coughenour given by Mrs. Clarence Coughenour and family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

You are invited to attend the Memorial Bible Lectures this evening and tomorrow evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Samuel Adams of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond will be speaking on "Wealth and Poverty in the Biblical World and Today".

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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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for Elder, Deacon and Nominating Committee At Large Members to the Session on October 16, 2017. This will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting on October 29, 2017.

Class of 2020 Candidates for Elders and Deacons

Elders:

**Carol Sellers
Chris Rhue
Craig Ellis
Jim Mason
Angela Purcell
Chris Carmichael
Julian Butler**

Deacons:

**John McRae
Sis Thomas
Jane McLaurin
Kathy Williamson
Laurene Stubbs
Matt Purcell**

To Replace Scott Miller on the Session for one year:
David Breeden, who will continue serving on the Finance Committee

To Replace John Gulledge on the Diaconate for two years:

Candy Nichols
Nominating Committee At Large Members for 2018:
Miriam Bounds
Clint Willis
Sue Schulz

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Sammy Simmons, Catherine McLaurin

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, Mildred Scharstein

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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

Miriam Bounds
Chris Carmichael
Stuart Carmichael
Bill Loftus
Chris Rhue
Ellen Thompson

Class of 2018

Barbara Bateman
Beverly Bowling
David Carmichael
Dan Sprouse
Debra Sutherland
Bob Dyer

Class of 2019

Jacque Britt
Lynn Davis
Kirsten Dean
John Gulledge
Susan Hartwell
Bette Sellers

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Moderator: Leslie Sellers

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Julie Carmichael, Secretary
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