

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

October 29, 2017

30th 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 29, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Announcements & Stewardship Statement

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" - Kristen Anderson

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude O God, Our Help in Ages Past Harmon
 Organ and Brass

Call to Worship from Psalms 92 and 95

One: Come, let us sing to God;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord;

All: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

One: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

All: And your faithfulness by night,

One: To the music of the lute and harp,

All: To the melody of the lyre.

One: For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

All: At the works of your hands we shout for joy!

Prayer of Adoration (inspired by Psalms 19, 92, and 95)

*Hymn 641 When in Our Music God is Glorified

Verse 1: All Voices; Verse 2: Ladies & Children Only;

Verses 3 and 4: Choir Only; Verse 5: All Voices

with organ, brass, timpani, Youth Handbells, and Joyful Ringers

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God, you call us to sing your song anew, yet we confess that often we resist your call. Sometimes we want to hide behind others and let them sing for us. Sometimes we just want to sing of the past. Other times we ignore the witness of your people singing out through the ages, of your church reforming through the voice and work of the people. Forgive us when we trap your good news in our preferred language, when we insist that your grace must be known through our approved tunes, when we limit your story to the good old days. Forgive us when our lips are sealed in protest or in fear. Forgive us when we keep our voices low and our feet firmly planted, refusing to join you in the song and dance of holy life. Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your praise. Amen.

*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 Gloria Patri 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 AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

After children's time, all PreK and Kindergarten children should join their teachers at the back of the sanctuary to go upstairs. Parents, please collect your kids from room 207 after the service. Children in grade 1 & older will remain in worship today.

The First Scripture Reading: Romans 3:21-25

Pg. 154

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Litany from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

One: We trust in God,

All: whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

One: In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

All: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

One: Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

All: We deserve God's condemnation.

One: Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

All: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

One: Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

All: Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

One: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

All: God is faithful still.

Hymn 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Second Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:16 and 2:20 Pg. 188

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Litany from *The Westminster Confession* (1646)

One: The grace of faith, by which we are saved, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in our hearts,

All: and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word and Sacraments.

One: By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein;

All: yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come.

One: But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

All: This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong, often and in many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

Anthem My Faith Looks Up to Thee arr. Kallman
Chancel Choir and Flute

The Third Scripture Reading: John 14:5-14 Pg. 108

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Litany from *The Scots Confession* (1560)

One: We believe that our Lord Jesus offered himself a voluntary sacrifice unto his Father for us, that he suffered contradiction of sinners, that he was wounded and plagued for our transgressions,

All: that he, the clean innocent Lamb of God, was condemned in the presence of an earthly judge, that we

should be absolved before the judgment seat of our God;

One: that he suffered not only the cruel death of the cross, which was accursed by the sentence of God;

All: but also that he suffered for a season the wrath of his Father which sinners had deserved.

One: But yet we avow that he remained the only, well beloved, and blessed Son of his Father even in the midst of his anguish and torment which he suffered in body and soul to make full atonement for the sins of his people.

All: From this we confess and avow that there remains no other sacrifice for sin.

Hymn 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

The Fourth Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:22-25 Pg. 233

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Litany from *The Second Helvetic Confession* (1566)

One: We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men.

All: For God himself spoke to the fathers, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.

One: And in this Holy Scripture, the universal Church of Christ has the most complete explanation of all that pertains to a saving faith, and also to the framing of a life acceptable to God;

All: and in this respect it is expressly commanded by God that nothing be either added to or taken from the same.

One: When this Word of God is now preached in the church by preachers lawfully called,

All: we believe that the very Word of God is proclaimed, and received by the faithful.

One: The apostle Peter has said that the Holy Scriptures are not of private interpretation, and thus we do not allow all possible interpretations. But we hold that the interpretation of the Scripture to be orthodox and genuine which is gleaned from the Scriptures themselves

All: and which agrees with the rule of faith and love, and contributes much to the glory of God and human salvation.

Hymn 462 I Love to Tell the Story
Verse 1: Flute and Children's Choir
Verses 2 and 3: Congregation

The Fifth Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 Pg. 193

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Litany from *The Confession of Belhar* (1982, adopted by PCUSA in 2016)

One: We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

All: that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

One: that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

All: that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

One: that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the

ungodly;

All: that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

One: that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right,

All: that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,

One: which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,

All: so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

One: that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

All: that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

One: Jesus is Lord.

All: To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Hymn 634 To God Be the Glory

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 glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Self and Substance

Offertory All Creatures of Our God and King arr. McChesney
Youth Handbells, Organ, and Brass

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Dedication Response Doxology 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the faithful, we give thanks for Your abundant blessings. Thank You for our fathers and mothers in the faith who, sometimes at significant risk, stood up for their beliefs. Bless these gifts so that through them you may continue the work of your church. Give us the courage to speak out and speak up, that we might share Your merciful love and grow in grace. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 275 A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Verses 1 and 2: All Voices;
Verse 3: Choir Only; Verse 4: All Voices
with organ, brass, and Youth Handbells

*Benediction

Postlude Brass Quartet

*Passing of the Peace

Please remain for a brief Congregational Meeting.

**All who are able may stand.*

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In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Carolyn and John Henry Moore given by the family.

Welcome to this special worship service to commemorate the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On this weekend 500 years ago, Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk, posted 95 Theses for Disputation on the door of the castle in Wittenberg, Germany. From that date, the spirit of protest brewing for centuries broke forth with unstoppable force. This service of worship is based on five key themes of the Reformation, the 5 "Solas", ("Alone"): Sola Gratia – Grace Alone; Sola Fide – Faith Alone; Sola Christi – Christ Alone; Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone, and Sola Dei Gloria – for the Glory of God Alone. Parts of today's liturgy are indebted to prayers and litanies written by Joana Harader <http://spacious-faith.com> and by Rev. Teri Patterson <http://www.liturgylink.net> The flags which enter at appropriate times represent creeds and affirmations of faith found in the Presbyterian Book of Confessions. We thank Dr. Jaime Martinez for preparing the majority of today's liturgy.

Many thanks to all our readers and musicians serving in worship today!

Lay Readers: Max Anderson, Claire Carmichael, Jennings Dean, Lynn Mason, Bob Dyer, Edna Ann Loftus

Instrumentalists: Jane McLaurin, flute; Tim Altman, trumpet; Terri Smith, trumpet; Chad Horsley, trombone; Matthew Parunak, trombone; Joseph Van Hassel, timpani

Handbells: Robin Snead, co-director; Max Anderson, Claire Carmichael, Katie Carmichael, Jennings Dean, Anna Ferguson, Eli Hicks, Ana Huesa, Alexis Patterson, Sam Poage, Jackson Purcell, McKenna Sutherland, Grace Wilkinson

Joyful Singers & Ringers: Annie Anderson, Daniel Carmichael, Taylor Carmichael, Caroline Hicks, Vivienne Rhue

From the 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

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

What's going on this week?

Sunday, October 29

5:00 pm Youth Handbells; Joyful Singers

5:45 pm Youth Reverse Trick or Treat

Wednesday, November 1

5:30 pm WMA Committee

6:20 pm Cherub Choir

7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 5: St. Andrews Sunday

11:00 am Worship with Special Guests from St. Andrews

12:15 pm Potluck Luncheon-meat provided by church

4:30 pm Deacons

5:00 pm Youth Handbells; Joyful Singers

5:45 pm Youth

