

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

October 8, 2017

27th 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 8, 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.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus promises: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you shall find."

All: For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds.

One: Jesus also promises: "Knock, and the door will be opened to you."

All: Let us take Jesus at his word. Let us come to the door of God's kingdom, and to this hour of praise and prayer. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Extravagant God: you break the barriers of common sense to demonstrate your grace. You leap beyond the expected to search for people who feel unworthy and broken. For this

and so much more, we thank you. But our behavior does not show our gratitude. We portion out kindness as if it were scarce. We hoard our possessions in fear they may be stolen. We clench our fists and fold arms across the chest in judgment. Open wide our embrace, Lord. Show us the redemptive power of your grace, which seeks and saves the lost. As we search for you, may we find you searching for us. Please now also receive 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 51:1-10 Pg. 520

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Sing to the Lord, Rejoice Hopson

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-10 Pg. 78

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE " Stories of Renewal: An Unlikely Friendship"
Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 343 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1992

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 "Berceuse" Vierne

*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 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Veni Sancti Spiritus Pikethy
(Please be seated during the postlude)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST TO ONE ANOTHER

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is David Herr

Lunch! Please be sure to head to the fellowship hall after worship for a great meal prepared and served by the youth group. It is a fundraiser for Hurricane Maria damage in Puerto Rico. For \$6 you get a plate of Chef Amy Sloop's famous Chicken Bog, dessert and drink.

**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 Angela Rump by Lillian Boger.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Youth Group Fund Raiser For Puerto Rico After Worship

October 10

5:00 pm CNE

October 11

5:00 pm Fellowship

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

October 12

5:30 pm Childcare

October 15

2:00 pm Autumn Concert Series- Ivano Ascari, Trumpet

October 16

7:00 pm Session

October 17

6:30 pm Theology on Tap McDuff's

October 18

6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner

October 22

7:00 pm Memorial Bible Lectures

October 23

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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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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!

Anyone interested in going together to **Faith Presbyterian Church Ingathering on Thursday**, Oct. 12. We are trying to get a Bus Load. We leave the church at quarter till 11. Please contact Sis Thomas, 272-0220.

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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