

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

November 19, 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Youth Sunday/ Commitment (Stewardship) Sunday

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

November 19, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

In this season of harvest, Lord, help us look around at creation and remember the blessings of the earth. And in this moment of reflection before we worship, inspire us to thank and praise you, who have given us more than we ask or need. 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 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Bach
Kathryn Goodwin, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We celebrate the goodness of God this day

All: We offer grateful praise

One: For every opportunity to express the love of Jesus Christ

All: We say, "Great is God's mercy"

One: For ministry that builds community and serves the community

All: We say, "Great is God's grace"

One: For vision to create a safe space in which all persons may flourish spiritually

All: We say, "Great is God's love"

One: For days yet to be and dreams yet to be realized

All: We say, "Great is God's faithfulness." We celebrate the goodness of God this day and offer grateful praise!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***Congregational Song: All Who Are Thirsty**

(Youth sing verses, congregation joins on refrain)

Refrain: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.** (4 times)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the people, you have called us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call. Today, we come before you asking your Spirit to empower us to be agents of transformation for the world. Help us to use the many gifts you have given us. Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed can find the living waters of God, who calls us to live a life of service, of humility, and of reconciliation with you, with creation, and with the world.

[pause for reflection and 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.

*Hymn of Praise (sung)

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

(After their time on the steps, children should meet their teachers at the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School. Parents can collect your children from room 207 after the service.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 123 Pg.572

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Day by Day Schwartz
Youth, with solo by Ana Huesa and percussion by John Caudill

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:14-30 Pg. 28
(A Modern Paraphrase, Enacted)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "Investing in God" Dr. Duane Hix

***Congregational Song: Ten Thousand Reasons**

(Youth sing verses, congregation joins on refrain)

Refrain: **Bless the Lord, o my soul. O my soul, worship His holy name! Sing like never before, o my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

--A New Creed, United Church of Canada

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 The Love of God Mercy Me
Bailey Sloop, piano

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:(sung)

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)

God, you heap your love upon us like a mother providing for her family's need, embracing her child with tenderness. Forgive us when, like spoiled children, we treat your generosity as our right, or hug it possessively to ourselves. Give us enough trust to live securely in your love and to share it with others in open-handed confidence that your grace will never run out. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

(During this final hymn, please come forward to the communion table and place your stewardship pledge card in the basket, then return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, you can add your card to the plate during the offering.)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE All Creatures of Our God and King McChesney
Youth Handbell Ensemble

(Please be seated during the Postlude)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST TO ONE ANOTHER

**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

Commitment Sunday. During the final hymn, you may bring your 2018 pledge card to the chancel steps. If you cannot attend, please mail your pledge card to the church office, or ask for it to be picked up. If you have not received your pledge card, please let the church office know.

6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service, here at LPC.

November 20

7:00 pm Session

Office and Daycare Schedule for Thanksgiving

November 22 Office will close at 11:00

November 22 Daycare will close at 2:00 pm

November 23-24 Office and Daycare Closed for Thanksgiving.

Operations will resume Monday, November 27th.

NOVEMBER SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Emma McInnis, Co-chair, Maggie Wells, Carol Lee,

Johanna Altman, Eleanor McRae

NOVEMBER USHER TEAM #2

Brian Bounds, Leader, David Bounds, Eddie Carmichael, Jim

Mason, Boyd McLaurin, Randy Miller, Bob Dyer,

Kevin Patterson, Bill Purcell II, Chip Wells, Charles Bound,

John Decembrino

NOTES AND THANKS

All music used in Church Services that are not in The Glory To God Hymnal are protected by Church Copyright License, CCLI # 11496004.

We thank our youth for leading us in worship today!

Lay Readers and Actors: Grace Wilkinson, Daniel Caudill, Jackson Purcell, Jeb Goodwin, Tyler Parks Sellers, Jennings Dean, Ryan Phillips, Willow Holman, Sam Poage, Ana Huesa, Kathryn Goodwin, Nicholas Murphy

Handbell Ensemble: Max Anderson, Claire Carmichael, Katie Carmichael, Jennings Dean, Anna Ferguson, Eli Hicks, Willow Holman, Ana Huesa, Alexis Patterson, Sam Poage, Jackson Purcell, McKenna Sutherland, Grace Wilkinson

Ushers: Ken Pruitt, Donovan O'Donnell, Tyler Parks Sellers, Tripp Wells

Christmas Cheer! Once again this year the Board of Deacons is asking for your help to spread some Christmas Cheer among deserving families in our community – families who would otherwise have little to celebrate on this very special day. Please consider helping LPC to put ***The Word in Action*** by sharing from our abundance with those who have so little.

Bill Loftus

Decoration Time-We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, December 1st at 9:30 am. Please come out and help us with the decorations. Thanking you in advance.

Charlotte McLean

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Marty Underwood

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,

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