

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2015

Scout Sunday



Founded 1859

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Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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Eleven o'clock

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew, print your information and then return the pad to its starting point.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

How Great is Your Love

Price

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111)

One: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

One: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

One: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

All: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

One: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

All: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

One: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

All: Holy and awesome is his name.

One: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

All: His praise endures forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord of life, we confess we have not met our obligation to make the world a safe place for our children. We have disappointed you and fallen short of your charge to us to overcome evil with good. In humble submission we ask your forgiveness and beg to be renewed in energy and enthusiasm for the building of your kingdom on earth. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 579

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

for all children

Children three year olds - 5th grade, please meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.

ON MY HONOR (**RESPONSIVE**)

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

All: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

One: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. (Psalm 33:12)

One: My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (Prov 3:1-2)

All: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law - and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

One: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

One: Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

All: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

One: Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)

All: Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Duet 18:15-20, OT pg 174

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28 NT pg 35

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The God of Second Chances

Haas

*Chancel Choir and Joyful Singers, with cello and flute
(Congregation is invited to join in the sixth verse)*

Come now, O God of second chances;

May we forgive ourselves,

May we become, your living sign:

Children of God's love.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Cor 8:1-13 NT pg 171

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Boundaries of Love

Neal Carter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the

right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 386

O for a World

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

Christ is the Only Son of God

Bach

*DEDICATION HYMN 592

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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 (unison)

Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people firsthand the power of your love, grace, and authority. Jesus washed away unclean spirits and performed countless other miracles so that even the faithless would experience your love. You call us to be mindful and vigilant of the extraordinary miracles that you continue to work in our lives today. May this offering undergird ministries that show others your miraculous love, grace, and authority. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

*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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem

*POSTLUDE *Jesus, Lead Thou On* Smith

**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. If you would like to speak with Neal Carter or receive information about the life of this faith community, please indicate that on the Friendship Pad or call the church 276-0831, ext. 302.

Large print hymnals for today's worship service are available from the ushers. Childcare is provided for infants through 3 years of age in our nursery with parent volunteers as care-givers. Worshipers are encouraged to take advantage of childcare during worship.

Praying for these: Continuing Concerns: Flora Wells, Susan Hardy, Ray McCormick (Virginia Ann McCormick's brother), Creed Sellers, Frances Shannon, Jim Sutherland, Sam Snowdon, Lucile Bridgeman, Hugh McArn, Don Ohl, Ralph Parker (Boone). At Scotia: Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia Johnson. At Special Care: Frances Haupt, Anne Collins, Reba Essey, Evelyn Crossley. Assisted: Edna McKeithen, Ervin & Ann Hill, Helen Middleton. At Scottish Pines: Thelma Morgan, Mary McDonald, Joyce Stutts, Katherine Edmund. At Prestwick: Dooda Robertson, Lois Muse. Hospitalization: George Melton (Asheville)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Today youth will be receiving your donations of canned goods or cash/checks at the entrances following worship. 100% of donations goes to our local Church Community Services.

PACK 420 CUB SCOUTS

Pack 420 Cub Scouts and I would like to thank Laurinburg Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use the fellowship hall and host a pancake breakfast fundraiser. I would like to personally thank each and everyone who bought tickets, made cash donations, helped prepare food, donated items, and cleaned up. You all were an important part in this success. Without the support from the church members and community, this event would not have been possible.

Thank You,
Gray Sellers, Cub Master Pack 420

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Program

Adults: \$7 children 12 and under: FREE!
Please RSVP by Wednesday 12 pm.

Wednesday, February 4, 2014

Meal: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable casserole, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread, tea, dessert

Program: Health Care with Greg Wood

HARRIS TEETER VIC CARD

Did you know that you can help raise money for our childcare center, just by shopping for groceries and prescriptions? It's easy, just link your HT VIC Card to #7357!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Circles

Monday, February 2

Circle 1 meets at 7 pm at Leslie Sellers' home
Circle 2 meets at 10 am at Ramona Wright's home
Circle 3 meets at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Circle 4 meets at 3:45pm at Scotia (CHANGED)

Valentine Candy for Our College Students

The PW will be sending Valentine candy to our church members who are away at college. If you do not attend a circle and would like to help, you may do so by preparing candy (individually wrapped) and delivering it to the church kitchen by **4 pm Tuesday, February 3**. If you are not a candy maker, a donation to help defray the cost of shipping is always appreciated.

Parents of College Students- We need current addresses; please email the church office or call 276-0831 with this information.

Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship

Attention all high school seniors and college students: The scholarship forms can be picked up outside the church office.

Please note - the deadline for submission has been changed to Thursday, February 12, 2015.

Presbyterian Women's Beach Retreat

February 20-22 Ocean Isle and Sunset Beaches

*Please note that this retreat is for all women, not just those that are involved in a circle. * Please contact the church office to sign up and for more details.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 18 and Easter will soon be here so it's time to order Easter lilies for our sanctuary. Presbyterian Women take orders for Easter Lilies each year given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Cost of the lilies is \$10.00 each. Make checks payable to: Presbyterian Women. You may mail checks and order forms to: Delia Muse P.O. Box 335, Laurinburg, NC 28353 or place them in the PW box in the church office. You may also email laurinburgpresby@bellsouth.net with the name of the one you are honoring or remembering and who is donating the lilies. Also please remember to pick up your lilies after the Easter Service on April 5.

UNCP PRESENTS "PERSPECTIVES ON THE CIVIL WAR ERA"

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Join us for songs and stories commemorating Emancipation. This is a free concert and joint production of the UNCP Departments of Music and History. LPC's own Dr. Jose Rivera and Dr. Jaime Martinez conduct and direct this moving concert, which includes student artwork, songs, stories, period photography and more. For more information and to reserve your seat, please call Sis Thomas (276-0220) or the church office. LPC will be providing a bus, leaving at 6:45pm. Program starts at 7:30pm.

YOUTH

Confirmation

Lent begins Wednesday, February 18th, and the Christian Nurture and Education Committee wishes to invite the youth in the 6th and 7th grades to attend this Spring's 2014 Confirmation Journey.

An information meeting with parents is being planned for Wednesday, February 18th, 5 pm. Please let Rev. Lyndsey McCall know if your child is interested to going with us on this journey through confirmation. Thank you.

Youth Ski Trip

The LPC Middle School and Senior High Youth will be going skiing at Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia on the weekend of March 6 – 8. We will be leaving the LPC parking lot Friday afternoon March 6 and return on Sunday March 8th. We will ski at Winterplace Ski Resort on Saturday March 7th. We will spend Friday and Saturday nights at the Glade Springs Resort. We hope all the LPC Youth will be able to join us on this FUN and EXCITING Weekend!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden is leasing plots for 2015! If you are interested, please contact Sam Thompson at 910-852-9415 or samthompson2009@gmail.com for more information. Anyone that currently has a plot will be able to retain the plot for as long as they want it.

MONROE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Attention College Students! Are you looking for a summer job? Consider applying to Monroe Camp & Retreat Center. Currently we are seeking applicants for counselors, lifeguards, musicians, a horse wrangler and other leadership positions. For more information, please contact Rev. Lyndsey McCall. Applications can be found on our web page monroecamp.org. Summer season is from June 24, 2015 - August 7, 2015.

Are you willing to be a high and low ropes course facilitator for Camp Monroe? For more information on this exciting opportunity, please contact Lyndsey.

MLK SERVICE DAY

We had 43 college students from St. Andrews and UNCP come out last week to help clean up Camp Monroe! Thank you so much to all who donated time and tools for the cleanup effort. If you have not yet done so, please pick up your rake in the church office. If your rake is not there, please let Lyndsey McCall.

Leading us in worship today we thank our Scouts and Scout leaders, Leigh Montague Ewings & Jane McLaurin, the Chancel Choir and the Joyful Singers.

Sunday, February 8th following worship we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be reviewing the budget and Minister's Terms of Call. The nominating committee will be submitting Julian Butler to complete the vacant session term for two years. Annual reports are available at the entrances.

The Session

Moderator: Neal Carter

Class of 2015

Jacque Britt
Beth Elliott
Craig Ellis
Allen McLaurin
Celeste McRae
Lynn Massey
Bill Purcell, II

Class of 2016

John Baker
David Harling
Bill Hill
Fred Mabry
Lynn Mason
Maggie Ratcliffe

Class of 2017

Anne Caudill
Mike Coughenour
Debby Holcomb
Edna Ann Loftus
Richard Massey
Larry Schulz
Clint Willis

The Deaconate

Moderator: Amy Sloop

Class of 2015

Pat Hix
Randy Miller
Amy Sloop
Kevin Patterson
Jamie Synan

Class of 2016

Denise Herr
Kim Liles
Richard Mabry
Kaye McMillan
Don Ohl
Jimmy Stubbs

Class of 2017

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

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Betsy Massey

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