

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017



Founded 1859

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Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music  
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Supported Missionary

Christopher McReynolds

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 12, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Today make us hungry for your Word, that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life. 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            Chapel Chimes, Lloyd (Joyful Ringers)

CALL TO WORSHIP    From Psalm 80

One: God brought a vine out of Egypt, drove out the nations, cleared the ground and planted it.

**All: It took deep root and filled the land. The hills were covered by its shade, and mighty cedars with its branches.**

One: It sent out its tendrils to the sea, and its shoots to the river of life.

**All: You people of the Lord, the vineyard that God tends, praise the Lord your maker! Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*Hymn 610 vv. 1,2,4      O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great God, you gather people into your church. Your Son called disciples to spread the Gospel. He prayed for their faithfulness. He prayed for their courage. He prayed that their fellowship would grow. Help us confess our failures as your church today. We are divided by ethnic and class differences. We surrender your truth when it should be maintained, yet refuse to learn new ways when your Spirit calls us. Please heal our broken fellowship. Inspire us as individual Christians and as your united church to follow the path of Christ. Hear now 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 *Gloria Patri*

**Glorify 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 the children's message, children can meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday School.*

ANTHEM                      I Believe, Miller (Chancel Choir and Joyful Singers)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING                      Philippians 3:7-16 Pg. 198

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE                      "Pressing On Toward the Goal"  
(Facts from the Congregational Survey)

\*HYMN 394 vv. 1 & 4 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to Christ's call. Amen.**

From The Confession of 1967

## 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.**

### OFFERER OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

#### OFFERTORY

\*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)

**Out of your generosity, Lord, we have received all that we truly need and all that we should want. Please receive these gifts that we offer in grateful response to your kindness. Lead us in the way of compassion and justice. Through Christ's Name we pray. Amen**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord (an LPC top-ten hymn)

As the hymn begins, choir members and then members will recess down the center aisle and out the sanctuary toward the fellowship hall. Please take the hymn insert with you; we will sing as we walk.

There will be no Congregational Response or Postlude today.

(Congregation recessing into the Fellowship Hall)

**TODAY'S THE DAY!** We invite congregation members to stay after worship for lunch and to participate in a major step in our Mission Study. Learn the results from our Bible Studies, our Congregational Inventory, the Community Interviews and the Personal Reflection Pages; then help craft mission plans that respond to key concerns arising from those exercises. We will conclude by choosing a Vision Statement that will guide the church over the next decade. Please take this opportunity to help determine the future mission and ministry of the church.

# 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D  
*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*  
*All* G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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.

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Winston H. Tornow by his family.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TODAY**

All- Church Mini Retreat for Mission Study

#### **Feb. 13**

5:30 pm Beach Retreat Meeting in Session Room

#### **Feb. 14**

5:00 CN&E

#### **Feb. 15**

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

#### **Feb. 16**

5:30 pm Child Care

#### **Feb. 17-19**

PW Beach Retreat

#### **Feb. 20**

7:00 pm Session

#### **Feb. 21-25**

LPC Photo Directory

#### **Feb. 27**

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

#### **FEBRUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE**

Martha Floyd, chair, Pam Coughenour, Sibyle Dulin,  
Catherine McLaurin, Sue Jones, Susan Hartwell

### ***NOTES AND THANKS***

**REMINDER:** THE 2017 Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship forms are available outside the church office. Please pick up forms. This is provided by the Coastal Carolina Presbytery and is due February 13, 2017. Virginia McCormick, **Presbyterian Women's Retreat, February 17-19:** Please sign up by calling the church office. Beth has worked hard on our study, "Called by Name" and we hope you will be a part of this meaningful weekend. Lynn Massey **Make your appointment for the LPC Photo Directory!**

Life Touch Photography will be at LPC on February 21-25, 2017 to take individual and family portraits! Each family or individual will receive a free "community connect" directory of our church, plus a portrait. Additional pictures will be available for purchase. We are also going to have a pdf version of the

directory available. You may bring a well-behaved pet or meaningful paraphernalia to include in the portrait. To make your appointment, access the following link: <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/laurinburgpresbyteri-anchurch/index.php?page=10>

If you need assistance or have questions, please call Janet Smith at 690-9643.

**Reminder:** Don't forget the Fellowship Dinner on March 1, 2017 at

6:00 pm. We will be serving Pancakes. Thanks, Martha Olmstead

**LPC gardeners or potential gardeners,** it's time to put in your application for your plot at the Community Garden. Returning gardeners you may reserve your same plot as last year at the same price. Just fill out the application, pay your rent and you're all set. If you've never gardened before, don't worry.

There are experienced gardeners just waiting to help you. Pick up an application in the Church office soon, as there are limited plots available. For more information call Scott Miller 610-5221. Happy Gardening!

**Rehearsals for all ensembles have resumed.** New members are always welcome!

Chancel Choir (High School-Adult): Wednesdays 7:15-8:15 pm,

Sundays 10:30 am

Youth Handbells (Middle/High School): Sundays 5-5:45 pm

Joyful Singers & Ringers (Grades 1-8): Sundays 10-10:30 am

Joyful Noisemakers (PreK-Grade 1): Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm

*Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—*

**Continuing Concerns:** Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester, Sarah Bullock, Jake Caudill, Millie Peele, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons, Elizabeth McIntosh

**In Scotia Skilled:** Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson

Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Klare Van Dusen

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