

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016



Founded 1859

Dr. Neal Carter, Pastor

Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music

Mr. Sean McDonald, Organist

Rev. Lyndsey McCall, Director of Christian Education

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
The First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

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 print your name on the Friendship Pad found at
the end of the pew, and return it to its starting place.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Caroline Bounds

One: Once again, as the season of Lent begins,
we are summoned by a gracious and merciful God.

**All: We respond to God's steadfast love,
calling us together in praise.**

One: Let us bow in awe before the One Who Creates.

**All: We approach God in reverence and wonder,
rejoicing in the invitation to holy places.**

One: Walk humbly before God in secret disciplines,
in prayer and fasting and giving.

**All: We seek the One who grants us life,
upholding us with a willing spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(responsive)*

Edna Ann Loftus

One: Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,

All: and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

One: teach us always to hunger for Christ who is the true
and living bread, and enable us to live by every word

All: that proceeds from out of your mouth.

One: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience
to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness,

All: so may we know your power to save;

One: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

All: who is alive and reigns with you,

One: in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All: one God, now and for ever.

*HYMN 166 *Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

We confess, Lord, that we have sometimes fallen prey to the temptations our Lord rejected. Unlike the Savior who refused to turn stones into bread, we have misused our powers and positions for personal advantage. Unlike the Savior who refused to bow to Satan, we have compromised our standards in order to make financial gains. Unlike the Savior who refused to leap from the pinnacle of the temple, we have gotten ourselves into precarious situations, then expected God to miraculously save us. May we, like the Christ, recognize temptation for what it is, and reject its subtle attempt to control us. 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 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

Children please meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Camp & Conference Ministries*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Denise Herr

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 OT 180

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13 NT 160

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

arr. Larson

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13 NT 61

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Just Goggle It

Neal Carter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Lenten Creed (responsive)*

An affirmation of faith for Lent—

The Order of Saint Columba, Patmos Abbey

One: We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

All: We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

One: We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

All: We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

One: We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

All: We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

One: This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

*HYMN 626 *As the Deer* (2 times)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION HYMN 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 (*unison*)

These, your gifts, O God, are returned for your glory. Bless us with wisdom to use them as you would have us to; and bless our lives with courage to do your bidding, through Christ our Lord.

*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 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*During Lent please be seated during the postlude
to quietly use this time for personal reflection.*

POSTLUDE

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(2 times-first time choir only, then full congregation)

**Whoever lives beside the Lord,
sheltering in the Almighty's shade, shall say,
"My God, in you I trust, my safety, my defender."**

**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, mark the Friendship Pad or call Neal in the office 276-0831, ext. 302. New members will be joining soon. If you would like to join, please call the church office or let Neal know.

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

Thank you to Caroline Bounds, Edna Ann Loftus, Julian Butler and Denise Herr for helping lead worship today. If you would be willing to help one Sunday, please let Neal know or call Lu in the church office, 276-0831, x. 301. Thank you.

Sunday, February 21 Joyful Ringers and Singers will participate in morning worship. They will attend SS after the children's sermon.

Joyful Singers/Ringers (K-Grade 8) rehearse Sundays 10-10:30 am in room 219 to prepare music for worship 2/21, 3/20, and 4/24.

Whitechapel Ringers rehearse Sundays after worship from about 12:15-1 pm. Open to youth Grade 6 through Adult.

Today, Sunday, February 14 at 3 pm the family of Gus Purcell, II invites you to attend his Eagle Scout Ceremony in the sanctuary and the reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Youth Announcements

5:45 pm Today Feb. 14 Middle School Youth and Sr. High Youth meet in fellowship hall for dinner; then to practice songs with José to sing in worship on Sunday, February 28. Afterwards youth will take cookies to First Responders in our community. Youth please bring baked cookies with you for this mission outreach event.

Buy your tickets NOW for LPC Youth Got Talent???

Sunday, February 28 starting at 6 pm Come enjoy an evening of light-hearted fun and laughs at the Youth Variety Show "LPC Youth Got Talent" & Youth Fundraiser featuring Amy Sloop's Famous Chicken Bog! The meal starts at 6 pm in the fellowship hall with entertainment to follow. Buy your tickets NOW from any one of our High School or Middle School Youth. Adults: \$7; children under 11: \$5. Come out and eat, laugh and support our youth Sunday evening Feb. 28th!

Monday, February 15

7 pm Session Meeting

Presbyterian Women Beach Retreat Just 2 Days Remain to Sign Up! Don't Miss the Deadline: Tuesday, February 16 at 4 pm

With the Presbyterian Women's Beach Retreat weekend less than two weeks away—February 26-28 will be here before you know it. On Ash Wednesday we began our 40 day journey to the cross. During the Lenten season, the Beach Retreat is an opportunity

for personal renewal and reflection, to build relationships, and to strengthen our community of faith.

We invite you to attend. If you would like to attend the weekend retreat but are worried about personal mobility issues, please let Carol Sellers or the church office know immediately. We will gladly try to accomodate you.

Since planning is so important the Planning Team needs to know you are coming on the retreat no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 16. Please contact the church office via email: laurinburgpres@bizec.rr.com or call Lu at 276-0831, x.301 to get your name on the list today. The Planning Team will finalize housing needs and more at its meeting on Tuesday, February 16 at 4:30 pm.

ALL WOMEN ATTENDING THE RETREAT should make every attempt to attend the informational meeting on Wednesday, February 17 at 5 pm in the session room. Please bring \$20 cash* to this meeting for housing, Friday's supper and Saturday's lunch. *(*To make things easier if at all possible-please bring \$20 cash, if you have to write a check make it payable to LPC-PW.)*

At the Wednesday, February 17 meeting, we'll let you know what host home you'll be in, what size sheets to bring, and together you'll make plans for breakfast, snacks, desserts. We'll go out Saturday night for dinner at a seafood restaurant.

If you need further information now before the Wednesday, February 17 meeting, please call any of the following women:

Beverly Bowling	276-6888
Janice Liles	276-3551
Lynn Massey	276-7869
Carol Sellers	276-1952
Lucy Sojka	277-7586

Wednesday, February 17

5 pm PW Beach Retreat Informational Meeting
for all participants (session room)

6 pm Fellowship Meal

Stewed chicken and mushrooms, rice, butter beans,
stewed apples, tossed salad, tea, dessert
adults: \$7 and children under 12: \$3

Sign up today on friendship pad.

6:30 pm Looking at the Cross with Scott Miller

7:15 Chancel Choir rehearsal

Five (5) Seats Available for "Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes"

Who: MACS (Maturing Adult Christians)

What: "Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes"

A musical comedy about Hank Williams
with his best friend Jason Petty portraying him.
Petty was in Hank's Band from 1927-2008.

Cost: \$21

Where: Temple Theatre, Sanford, NC

When: Saturday, February 20, 2016

Bus Departs at 5 pm

Dinner at Fairview Dairy Bar, Sanford

Show at 8 pm

To sign up: Please contact Sis Thomas, 276-0220
or Betty Jackson 276-7621

Monday, February 22 is the deadline for March newsletter

info. Please send announcements to the church via email to:
laurinburgpres@bizec.rr.com

Tuesday, February 23 rescheduled Pinewood Derby 5:30-7:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop 420 celebrate 85 years of Scouting in 2016. We
are planning a celebration later this year and want to invite all
who have participated in the Troop. If interested, please email
your name and phone # to david@davidharling.com

PW Honorary Life Membership Nominations are now being received for the Presbyterian Women Life Membership Award. Applications are available outside the office. Deadline is March 8. Please contact Lucy Sojka, 277-7598 with any questions.

Winter Church World Service Blankets+ Program

Help those in need by donating to Church World Service Blankets+ Program. Our help does not only purchase blankets, but CWS school kits, raised beds, vitamins for children, emergency food packages, pumps and wells, filters, bags of sand.... and more! A \$10 gift purchases a blanket. A \$35 gift buys a tree or wheelbarrow. HELP - Buy today, CHANGE tomorrow! Make checks payable to LPC-PW, bring to the church PW box or send to: Delia Muse, PW Treasurer, PO Box 335, Laurinburg 28353

Calls to Service at LPC:

Would you be willing to serve as an usher? What kind of a commitment is it? We have 4 teams that serve 3 months each year. You would be called by the lead usher to see what Sunday that month you could usher. Also when there is a funeral during the month you serve you could also be called to help. Sound easy enough? Let Lu in the church office know if this is a way you would be willing to serve or in any of the ways listed below so we can pass your name on to the correct person.

Other Ways to Serve:

- Driving the bus to pick up Scotia residents
- Reading scripture in worship
- Teaching Sunday school
- Working in our nursery
- Serving as an acolyte
- Taking up money on Wednesday night
- Working with our youth as an advisor
- Ringing with WhiteChapel bells
- Helping with our children's music programs
- Serving as a Sunday morning greeter
- Visiting shut-ins or people in the hospital

- Working with the Scouts
- Serving on the sanctuary committee
- Serving on a session committee*

*Chairs of the Session Committees are:

Finance & Administration (F&A): David Harling

Christian Nurture & Education (CNE): Anne Caudill

Building Equipment Grounds (BEG): Mike Coughenour

Fellowship: Debby Holcomb

Childcare Advisory: Richard Massey

Worship, Music and Arts (WMA): Larry Schulz

Membership/Stewardship: Bill Hill

Helping our LPC Childcare Center

If you could donate children's books, old pots and pans, and clothes for dress up. Our children would love "reading and acting out parts." Also please remember to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Laurinburg Presbyterian Daycare Center #7357.

Please remember these in your prayers—

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Flora Wells in the death of her brother-in-law, to Sean and Angela McDonald and family in the death of Angela's grandmother, and to Maggie Ratcliffe in the death of her niece.

Recently discharged: Mary Frances Fitch (Scotia Skilled)

Continuing Concerns: Helen Baker, Lucile Bridgeman, Curt Britt, Margaret Caudill, Marge Coughenour, Nancy Ezell, Connie Harris, Fred Mabry, Katherine McKay, Ray McCormick, Barbara Salzlein, Jane Tornow (broken arm), Clark Hanmer

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick; Special: Anne Collins, Frances Haupt, Edna McKeithen; Scotia Assisted: Betty Wayne

Cooley, Ann and Ervin Hill, Helen Middleton, Adell Page; At

Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

Georgia Dye is receiving in-home care you may write to Georgia & Bob c/o Darcy Bower 3439 Bradley Place, Raleigh, NC 27607

The Session

Moderator: Neal Carter

Class of 2016

John Baker
Julian Butler
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

Class of 2018

Kristen Anderson
Scott Miller
Martha Olmstead
Robin Snead
Janet Smith
Nick Sojka
Susan Wentz

The Deaconate

Moderator: Denise Herr

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

Class of 2018

Barbara Bateman
Beverly Bowling
David Carmichael
John Decembrino
Dan Sprouse
Debra Sutherland

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Carol Sellers

Vice-Moderator: Virginia Ann McCormick

Secretary: Beverly Bowling

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Historian: Lucy Sojka

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