

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday

## **Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action**



Founded 1859

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**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**A Journey toward the Cross**  
**February 14, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

Prelude Music

Greeting and Introduction to the Service

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said: "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I still was with you:

**People: 'That everything written in the law and the prophets must be fulfilled.'"**

Leader: Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures:

**People: "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.**

**All: "And that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name, beginning from Jerusalem." Amen.**

Choral Anthem "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"  
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**The Waters of Baptism**

Scripture Reading II Kings 5: 1-14 PG. 181

Baptism Homily "Wash and Be Cleansed"

\*Baptismal Hymn 489, vv.1&2 Wonder of Wonders

A Baptism Litany

Leader: We lift our hearts in adoration, Lord, for your grace revealed in baptism.

**People: We adore you, God, for your love, which comes to us despite our sin.**

Leader: We lift our hearts in thanksgiving, for cleansing waters that purify.

**People: We thank you, God, for a new start, a break with the past, a removal of guilt and shame.**

Leader: We lift our hearts in confidence, for the covenant that binds us to you.

**People: We praise you, God, for strong bonds of community that hold us straight and offer strength in times of weakness.**

Leader: We lift our hearts in joy, for refreshing waters that quench our thirst.

**People: We rejoice in you, God, that there is drink for the journey, soothing moisture for parched lips.**

**All: For grace, for cleansing, for covenant, for new life in Christ, we thank you, God, wellspring of our existence. Amen**

Choral Response "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

## The Ashes of Penitence

Scripture Reading      Psalm 127:1&2      PG. 573

Ashes Homily                      "Unless"

\*Hymn of Confession 442 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Ashes Litany

Leader: We enter your presence tonight, Lord, uncertain, afraid.

**People: We have labored for years, in search of happiness and an end to worry.**

Leader: Seeking ease, we have stepped away from what is not comfortable or pleasant or customary.

**People: Thus we have rejected your call, denied our baptism, and doubted your providence.**

Leader: Enter our lives this evening. Convict us of our sin, our cowardice, our bad choices, our missed opportunities.

**People: Forgive us for seeking happiness without faith, contentment without sacrifice, and meaning without Truth.**

Leader: Remind us of our mortality, the brevity of our days, the wasted efforts of wrong pursuits.

**All: And in this way, help us find you, who alone can satisfy the deepest desires of our heart. Amen**

Choral Response "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

## The Bread and Cup of Communion

Scripture Reading      Matthew 26:26-30      PG. 30

Communion Homily "While They Were Eating"

\*Hymn of Approach 494, vv.1-3 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

A Call to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Litany of Communion

Leader: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it.

**People: After supper, he also took the cup and poured it out.**

Leader: Just as bread is of no use unless it is broken,

**People: So it is with our lives.**

Leader: Just as wine must be poured out to be of use,

**People: So it is with our lives.**

Leader: We believe if our lives are broken in Christ's name,

**People: We will be made whole.**

Leader: And if we pour ourselves out for God's sake,

**People: We will be filled with the fullness of life.**

Leader: Because we believe,

**People: We will continue, with God as our help, to live out the Lord's Supper in word and deed. Amen**

Choral Response "Eat this Bread"

**The Cross: Nails of Discipleship**

Scripture Reading      John 12:20-26      PG. 106

Discipleship Homily      "Whoever Serves Me Must Follow Me"

\*Hymn of Sacrifice 726, vv.1-3 Will You Come and Follow Me?

The Litany of Discipleship

Leader: You call us, O Christ, to follow the path of self-sacrifice.

**People: Servant Son of God, open our ears and our hearts that they may hear your call.**

Leader: Make us attentive to the silent war of wills between what you want and what evil wants.

**People: In the discipleship of daily decisions, help us to say 'Yes' to your will and 'No' to what is wrong.**

Leader: May the nail of your cross pierce our pride, and the strength of your call influence our decisions.

**All: Fulfill, O God, these Lenten symbols. Receive them as our pledge that we freely choose to follow**

**your way. Amen**

Choral Response "Jesus, Remember Me"

**A Journey Through the Symbols of Faith**

An Invitation to the Journey

The Procession: from Baptism to Ashes to Communion to the Nail

DIRECTIONS: 1. The choir will begin the procession at the baptismal font. 2. Those seated on the piano side should follow. 3. Come forward by the side aisle and return to your seats by the center. When this side finishes, the pulpit side should follow, coming by the center aisle and returning by the side. 4. All: dip your fingers in the water. If you wish, receive ashes on your forehead. Communion is by intinction: take a wafer, dip it in the cup and eat. Then, take a nail from the basket and keep it near you throughout Lent. If you cannot come forward, elders will take the symbols to you in your pew.

Processional Music

\*Hymn of Commitment 417 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Benediction and Charge

Postlude Music

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Thank you for participating in tonight's service of preparation for Lent. We thank members of the Worship committee for their help.

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