

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

February 18, 2018/ 1st Sunday in Lent

## **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

February 18, 2018

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

O Divine Companion, you entered our world and came to know us. You walked by our side and felt our emotions. In this season of Lent, help us be thankful for your incarnation and your suffering on our behalf. May our praise express our thanks. Amen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*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 What Wondrous Love is This

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 107

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, with steadfast love that endures forever.

**All: We wandered in desert places, finding no way in the wilderness. Hungry and thirsty, our souls fainted within us.**

One: We cried out to the Lord! Then the Lord delivered us from our distress, and led us by a straight path.

**All: So thank the Lord for steadfast love. Let us praise the God of our salvation! Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of love, in Jesus Christ you revealed how far you will go to win us back to your side. At great cost you sent your son to redeem us from sin, and in return, all you ask is that**

**we love you and one another. Yet our selfishness remains strong, our suspicions run deep, and our gratitude is minimal. We still plan how to harm others before they harm us. We glorify violence in movies and avoid people too different from ourselves. Forgive us, God. Bind us to you by the power of your grace and teach us the way of reconciliation. Accept now these 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 #227

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

*(Children should meet their teachers at the back of the sanctuary and walk upstairs as a group for Children's Church. Parents, please collect your children from room 207 after worship.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Amos 3:1-8 PG. 851

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Don't Be Afraid

Bell

Joyful Singers & Cherub Choir

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I John 4:7-12 PG. 241

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE Words of Faith #1-Love

\*HYMN 833 O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving the sinful. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.**

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**

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY With the Lord There Is Mercy  
Rowan  
Chancel Choir

\*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)

**We give thanks to you, Lord, for mercy that reaches out, for**

**patience that awaits our return, and for love that welcomes all. May these gifts we offer reveal our gratitude. Please use them to reduce suffering and hatred in your world. Amen**

### WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 215 What Wondrous Love is This

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in G Dubois  
(please be seated during the postlude)

Lay leader today is Stuart Carmichael

*\*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.

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Jo McLaurin by their family.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 19**

**7:00 pm Session**

**February 20**

**6:30 pm Theology on Tap- McDuff's**

**February 26**

**5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team**

**FEBRUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE**

\*Martha Floyd Co-chair, Pam Coughenour, Catherine McLaurin, Susan Hartwell

## **FEBRUARY USHER TEAM # 1**

\*Richard Mabry-Lead, Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell, David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill, Richard Massey, John McRae, Maggie Ratcliffe, Scott Sellers, Andy Womble

### ***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.**

Please remain after worship today for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Copies of the annual reports are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the office. At this meeting, we will also receive information on the candidate for pastor and will vote on the recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

### **PW Women's Beach Retreat**

February 23-25, 2018

'WOW - Women of Witness' led by Beth Elliot, Lynn Massey and Janet Smith. Call the church office by February 14 to sign up!!

Thanks,  
Leslie Sellers

**BLANKET PROJECT** - For only 10 dollars, you can give a blanket that can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care. Envelopes for donating to the Blanket Project will be in the bulletin on February 18th during church service. However please feel free to drop a donation off at the church office if that is more convenient for you. Or you can simply go to <https://cwsblankets.org/donate/> to donate online. We appreciate any support you can provide.

Thanks,  
Angela Purcell

**Easter Lilies** -Every year Presbyterian Women takes order for Easter Lilies. The deadline to place your order is February 26<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$10. You may place lilies in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone. Any questions call Candy Nichols-280-8289. Order forms are in the bulletin and on the table in front of the office.

Congratulations to David and Mary Carmichael for their baby boy John Robert, born Sunday afternoon, February 11, 2018.

**If your email has changed and you're not getting the We Mind-er, or other information that I send out please let me know.**

*Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—*

**Continuing Concerns:** Lucile Bridgeman, Joel McCanna, Will Faulk-Custodian (LPC)

**In Scotia Skilled:** Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson, Frances Haupt, Mackey McCormick, Louise Wester, Sarah Bullock

**Scotia Special Care:** Margaret Caudill

**Scotia Assisted:** Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce, Marion McNair, Marjorie Coughenour, Flo Johnson, Millie Peele, Elizabeth McIntosh, Mildred Scharstein

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Martha Olmstead	David Herr	Craig Ellis
Robin Snead	Deborah Hobbs	Jim Mason
Janet Smith	Richard Mabry	Angela Purcell
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Susan Wentz	Kevin Patterson	Julian Butler

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Barbara Bateman	Jacque Britt	John McRae
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David Carmichael	Kirsten Dean	Jane McLaurin
Dan Sprouse	Candy Nichols	Kathy Williamson
Debra Sutherland	Susan Hartwell	Laurene Stubbs
Bob Dyer	Bette Sellers	Matt Purcell

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** Moderator: Leslie Sellers

Vice-Moderator, Phyllis Breeden	Delia Muse, Treasurer
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