

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017



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 19, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP From a Contemporary Hymn

One: Come sing, O church, in joy; come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

**All: Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch his vision, dream his dream.**

One: Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified.

**All: Come sing, O church, in joy; come join, O church, in song. In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now, and praise the Lord! Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*Hymn 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God of eternal wisdom: our knowledge fails us. Human understanding falls short of the Truth. The winds of time leave us searching for the relevance of your Word. We rush to conclusions about your plan and then claim it is lacking. We close our minds to inconvenient facts and miss an encounter with your Spirit. Forgive us, God. Remind us of the beliefs of your church, and grant us patience to discern their wisdom. Show us your way, through the light of your Word. Please now hear our personal confession...**

*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*

**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.**

**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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 4:1-9 PG. 587

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

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THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: II John 1-8 PG. 91

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: Words of Faith Series - Theology  
"Walking in the Truth"

Dr. Duane Hix

\*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. The earliest examples of confession are found within the Scriptures, and have taken various forms.... Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards in the church, subject to the authority of Jesus Christ, the Word of God... No one type of confession is exclusively valid, no one statement exempt from reform. Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church and supplies the continuity of its tradition. This obedience is the ground of the church's duty and freedom to reform itself in life and doctrine as new occasions, in God's providence, may demand.**

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

\*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 463                      How Firm a Foundation

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 127 (Refrain only) Jesus the Light of the World

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright  
O, shine all around us by day and by night  
Jesus, the light of the world**

POSTLUDE

*\*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

**Today**

**Minute for Mission- Scott Miller**

**Feb. 20**

**7:00 pm Session**

**Feb. 21-25**

**LPC Photo Directory**

**Feb. 26**

**5:45 LPC Got Talent & Fundraiser Meal**

**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**

### **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church Youth Presents**

"LPC Got Talent" & Fundraiser Meal

Delicious Chicken Bog Prepared By Chef Amy Sloop

Sunday February 26, 2017 in LPC Fellowship Hall at 5:45

Proceeds to Help LPC Youth! Cost: \$6.00

### **Kirkin' of the Tartan Lunch**

Our annual Kirkin' of the Tartan service will be held on Sunday, March 26. Following the service, a luncheon will be served. The menu is Boston butt, grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, squash casserole, broccoli salad, tea, rolls and dessert. Advanced tickets are required at a cost of \$10 per person; children 12 and under are free, but need a ticket. You have the option to reserve a table for your family; however, tickets must be purchased at the same time at a minimum of 6 (up to 8 can be at your table). Tickets will be sold, beginning next Sunday, outside the sanctuary or during the week in the church office.

**No Sunday School for older kids on February 26.** Only younger kids (age 3-1st grade) will have Sunday School.

### **Usher Help Needed**

Are you interested in serving as an usher? If so, please contact John Clark (280-0934), Susan Wentz (276-0587) or the church office and let us know.

**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!

### **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/laurinburgpresbyterian-church/index.php?page=10>

If you need assistance or have questions, please call Janet Smith at 910/690-9643.

**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  
Marjorie Coughenour

**Scotia Special Care:** Frances Haupt, Ann Hill, Margaret Caudill

**Scotia Assisted:** Ervin Hill, Adell Page, John and Helen Baker  
Millie Peele

**At Scottish Pines:** Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

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Larry Schulz  
Clint Willis

**Class of 2018**

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

**Class of 2019**

Danny Caddell  
John Clark  
David Herr  
Deborah Hobbs  
Richard Mabry  
Annette Morgan  
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**Class of 2017**

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Bill Loftus  
Chris Rhue  
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**Class of 2018**

Barbara Bateman  
Beverly Bowling  
David Carmichael  
Dan Sprouse  
Debra Sutherland

**Class of 2019**

Jacque Britt  
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Kirsten Dean  
John Gulledge  
Susan Hartwell  
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