

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016



Founded 1859

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Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music

Mr. Sean McDonald, Organist

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
The Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 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

Fairest Lord Jesus
Joyful Ringers

arr. Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (*responsive*)

One: We gather to worship the Lord God, who brings true Light to us all.

All: We come, because God's wants to talk with us, and to show us God's Light of Love.

One: We gather to praise the Lord God, who liberates us from our fears.

All: We come, because God's wants to talk with us, and to calm our anxieties and stresses.

One: We gather to celebrate the Lord God, who is our Secure Refuge and our Strength, who always welcomes us into the sanctuary of God's sacred presence.

All: We come, because God's wants to talk with us, to reassure us that God is always the Radiant Light and Helper to guide us; and the Mighty Liberator to keep and bless us all. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God;

All: put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

All: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God;

All: put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

All: and cleanse me from my sin.

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God;

All: put a new and right spirit within me.

One: You shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

All: Thanks be to God! 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.

ANTHEM

Angels Watching Over Me
Joyful Singers & Cherub Choir

arr. Paradowski

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

*Younger children will go to Sunday School.
Older children will remain in worship today.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13 NT 61

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 27, OT 503

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Where Did You See God Today?

Neal Carter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 836

Abide with Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

You Are My All in All
Chancel Choir

Jernigan

*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*)

As you have blessed us beyond all expectation and need, we would join in imitating you, by offering gifts which will bring hope, healing, and help to those who struggle in this life. In Jesus' name, we pray.

*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 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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*)

**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.

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

The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 28, 2016, following morning worship.

The purpose of this Congregational Meeting is to present the 2016 budget. The session has also called this Congregational Meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Laurinburg Presbyterian Church and Edward Neal Carter Jr. so that he can receive the call to be the pastor of Rocky River Presbyterian Church in Concord, NC.

Following the February 28 congregational meeting, Neal will be on vacation; therefore, in effect, February 28 will be his last day. So that we may have a time to share our appreciation for Neal and Debbie's ministry with us, we invite you to a reception in the fellowship hall following worship and the congregational meeting on February 28, 2016.

Today we thank our Joyful Ringers and Singers for participating in worship. Joyful Singers/Ringers (K-Grade 8) rehearse Sundays 10-10:30 am in room 219. They are preparing music for Sunday morning worship on March 20 and April 24.

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

Today at 5:45 pm Middle School Youth and Sr. High Youth meet in the fellowship hall for dinner; then to practice songs with José to sing in worship next Sunday morning February 28.

Youth are also preparing to feed you and entertain you at a Fun Evening — the Youth Fund raiser & LPC Youth Got Talent!!! — next 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 Fund raiser featuring Amy Sloop’s Famous Chicken Bog! The meal starts at 6 pm in the fellowship hall with entertainment to follow. Maggie Liles tells us the evening will be filled with a variety of acts — lots of fun and laughs!!! So buy your tickets now to enjoy dinner and a light-hearted evening showcasing: Gus Purcell on guitar + Bailey Sloop on the piano + Jennings Dean on piano + John Alec Caudill on drums + Daniel Caudill on violin + Sara Paige Liles tap solo + Energizers led by the youth! A surprise dance by all the youth! Songs presented by the youth and others! We are excited! Tickets on sell now - Buy yours 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 February 28th!

We need your help in leading worship, reading scripture or a litany. If you can help us, please let call Lu in the church office, 276-0831, x. 301, with the dates you’d be available. Thank you.

Sunday, February 21 is the deadline for March newsletter info. Please send announcements to the church via email to: laurinburgpres@bizec.rr.com

Tuesday, February 23 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall you are invited to attend the rescheduled Pinewood Derby.

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

Scotland Regional Hospice Training:

Training is free and offered in the evenings and during the day-time so that potential volunteers will have more than one choice of times. Those who wish to become volunteers are required to complete an initial 12 hours of training.

Training dates are:

Tuesday February 23, 5:30-8:30 pm

Thursday February 25, 5:30-8:30 pm

Monday, March 7, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 9, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm

Questions contact Carol Lee, Director of Volunteer Services at 276-7176 or clee@scothosp.org

Wednesday, February 24

6 pm Fellowship Meal: Sliced Ham, scalloped potatoes, steamed cabbage, field peas, broccoli salad, tea, dessert; Adults: \$7 and children under 12: \$3 Sign up today on friendship pad.

6:30 pm Program with Deon Cranford of Hospice

7 pm CNE Committee

7:15 Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, February 28 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

We'll collect the 2 cents a meal offering for world hunger for February. All children will remain in worship on Feb. 28.

Lectionary: Isaiah 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; I Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9;

Prelude: Whitechapel Ringers; Hymns: 65 Guide Me, O Thou

Great Jehovah; 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me; 741 Guide My

Feet; Anthem: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, arr. Schweizer (Chancel Choir & Whitechapel Ringers); In lieu of flowers a

donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in

celebration of the 74th wedding anniversary of Ervin and Ann

Hill by their children. Following worship, we'll have our Annual Congregational Meeting then you are invited to a reception in

the fellowship hall to say thank you and farewell to Neal and Debbie.

Monday, February 29

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

Monday, February 29 at UNCP Harlem Renaissance Songs & Stories at Givens Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

Free and Open to the Public

Each year, the History & Music departments cooperate to present an interdisciplinary concert focused around a different historic era. This year, we are offering "Harlem Renaissance Songs & Stories," which will feature a broad range of poetry, jazz, and choral music from the 1920s and 1930s. Period photographs and student artwork will accompany the program. The concert will take place in UNCP's Givens Performing Arts Center at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 29, and is free and open to the public. Please contact me if you have any questions!

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Associate Professor of History

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

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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.

March 8 is the deadline to submit applications for the PW Honorary Life Membership Award. Applications are available outside the office. 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

Mark your calendar - Sunday, April 3 Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Following the worship service, we will have a catered lunch in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$8 for everyone 12 & up; free for children under 11 and will go on sell in March. ***If you have a Tartan***, please let us know who will carry your family tartan this year by calling Emily Womble (276-6879) or Lu in the office (276-0831, x. 301) Thank you.

Please remember these in your prayers—

Christian sympathy is extended to Maggie Ratcliffe in the death of her niece.

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: Mary Frances Fitch, 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 deadline to order Easter Lilies is Wednesday, March 9.

Every year Presbyterian Women take orders for Easter Lilies that you may purchase for \$10 to place in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone on Easter Sunday, March 27. Make checks payable to LPC-PW place your check and order form in the offering plate, drop it off in the church office, or mail them to Delia Muse, PW Treasurer, PO Box 335 Laurinburg, NC 28353

On the following form PRINT the name of the one you are honoring or remembering and who is donating them. You may email this information to: deliamuse@gmail.com

Also please remember to pick up your lilies after the Easter Service. Questions contact Candy Nichols, PW Easter Lily Coordinator at 276-8054 or 280-8289.

**EASTER LILIES PLEASE PRINT
& CIRCLE APPROPRIATELY IN MEMORY OR HONOR**

Your Name _____

Amount of check \$_____

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**Remember the deadline is Wednesday, March 9 to place
Easter Lily orders. All forms and money must be in by that
date so don't delay. Thank you.**

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

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