

# Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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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Tim and Marta Carriker

Christopher McReynolds

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**

February 28, 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      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*      arr. Sherman  
Whitechapel Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 63      Tyler Parks Sellers  
(responsive)

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

**All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

One: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

**All: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

\*HYMN 65      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the**

wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. May our feet touch lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you. 'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin....' 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 will remain in worship today.  
Parents may take their younger children to the nursery.*

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

ANTHEM

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Tim Altman, trumpet

arr. Hines

Congregation please join in singing final verse:  
**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tripp Wells

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 10:1-17 NT 172

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*A Good Last Sermon*

Neal Carter

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

*A New Creed of The United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*HYMN 443

*There Is a Redeemer*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

*Rooted and Reaching  
Youth*

Sayago-Gonzalez

Neal Carter, guitar

Andrew Beck, bass

Harrison Hartwell, Jamie Sutherland

Ana and Isabel Huesa, soloists

\*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*)

**We give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, money and abilities. Into these plates and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them.**

\*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 741

*Guide My Feet*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

**May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face;  
May the rain fall softly on your field;  
And until we meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

*\*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 receive information about the life of this faith community, mark the Friendship Pad or call the church office 276-0831, ext. 301.

At the end of today's service, we will hold our annual congregational meeting. Annual reports are available at the entrances. The purpose of this Congregational Meeting is to present the 2016 budget. The session 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 immediately following today's service.

In lieu of flowers today a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in celebration of the 74th wedding anniversary of Ervin and Ann Hill by their children.

Today we collect the 2 cents a meal offering for world hunger for February.

***Tonight starting at 6 pm LPC Youth Got Talent!!! — Youth Fund raiser and Variety Show — Buy your tickets today after worship or at the door for a fun, light-hearted evening tonight starting at 6 pm in the Fellowship hall. Come fill yourself with food and laughter at LPC Youth Got Talent!!!***

Starting at 6 pm in the fellowship hall, you can enjoy Amy Sloop's Famous Chicken Bog, plus cornbread and a variety of desserts. After dinner the evening will be filled with a variety of acts — lots of fun and laughs 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 for the fund raiser are \$7 Adults and children under 11 are \$5. All proceeds will be used to offset the cost of our youth trips. Come out and eat, laugh and support our youth tonight!

***YOUTH meet TODAY at 4:30 pm*** to practice for tonight's Variety Show. Remember to wear khakis and your LPC t-shirt (if you don't have one there will be some available). We need parents to prepare corn bread, desserts or drinks for the fundraising meal.

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

***Monday, February 29*** at 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

***Monday, February 29 at UNCP Givens Performing Arts Center***  
***7:30 pm Harlem Renaissance Songs & Stories***  
***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. Please contact me if you have any questions!

Jaime Martinez, Ph.D. Associate Professor of History, UNCP  
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***Tuesday, March 1*** at 7 pm BEG Committee

***Wednesday, March 2*** at 6 pm Fellowship Meal: Pork chops, mac and cheese, green beans, squash casserole, marinated bean salad, tea, dessert; Adults: \$7 and children under 12: \$3  
Sign up today on friendship pad.

6:30 pm Looking at the Cross with Julian Butler

7:15 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 3** at 5 pm Worship, Music and Arts Committee

**Sunday, March 6 Deacon's 1st Sunday of the Month Food Drive**

Remember to bring one canned good per family member with you on the first Sunday of each month for the Deacon's Food Drive. Baskets are located at the entrances for your contributions to be given to Church Community Services.

**Tuesday, March 8 Theology on Tap (TOT) meets**

Theology on Tap will continue to meet at the Downtown Club starting at 6 pm for fellowship, 7 pm dinner and discussion the 2nd Tuesday of the month. RSVP to church office or Frances Willis for dinner reservations, or sign up today on the friendship pad.

**Tuesday, March 8** is the deadline to submit applications for the PW Honorary Life Membership Award. Applications are available outside the office. Contact Lucy Sojka, 277-7598 with questions.

**Wednesday, March 9** at 6:30 pm SAU Choir Spring Concert

**Sunday, April 3 Kirkin' o' the Tartan Worship Service & Luncheon**

The annual 14-year tradition continues April 3rd! If you have a Tartan, please let us know who will carry it for your family this year by calling Emily Womble (276-6879) or Lu in the office (276-0831, x 301). Next Sunday you can buy lunch tickets on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and through the church office. Lunch tickets are \$8 for everyone 12 and up (11 and under are free), but reservations must be made for all attending by purchasing tickets by the deadline of Thursday, March 31.

**Community Garden is leasing plots now.** Applications available outside the church office. ? call Deborah Pierce 910-280-5675

**Winter Church World Service Blankets+ Program**

Help those in need by donating to Church World Service Blankets+ Program. 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



## **Church Leadership by Committee**

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### ***Ways that you can help:***

- Reading scripture or litanies in Sunday morning worship
- Visiting shut-ins or people in the hospital

*If you can help us by volunteering, please contact Lu in the church office 276-0831, x.301. Thank you!*

***Saturday, March 19 from 3– 7 pm Monroe Camp and Retreat Center Pig Pickin'*** Come re-discover Monroe! Our Board of Directors and Staff invite you to breathe in the beauty of Monroe Camp & Retreat Center, learn about plans for 2016, and see how Monroe is evolving to meet the needs of today's campers! Everyone is invited! Dinner & Keynote Richard Dubose, Montreat 5:30-7:00 Optional RSVP to the office 276-1654 by March 15.

***Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—***  
Recently discharged: Larry Schulz, Catherine McLaurin;  
Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Margaret Caudill, Marge Coughenour, Nancy Ezell, Connie Harris, Fred Mabry, Katherine McKay, Ray McCormick, Barbara Salzlein, Clark Hanmer  
In Scotia Skilled: Helen Baker, Mary Frances Fitch, Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick; Special: Anne Collins, Frances Haupt, Edna McKeithen (Hospice called to help Edna); 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](mailto: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 \$\_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to LPC-PW)

In MEMORY/HONOR of \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Treasurer: Delia Muse

Historian: Lucy Sojka

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