

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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 Larry Schulz, WMA Chair

*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

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 126 (*responsive*) Sara Paige Liles

One: Let us begin this day by rejoicing!

**All: The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.
Let us be glad!**

One: The day before us is uncertain.

All: We know not what we will encounter on our way.

One: Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God,

**All: And we go forth to touch the lives of all with his
healing touch.**

One: Let us begin this day with rejoicing!

All: and return to our homes with gladness!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Larry Schulz

*HYMN 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Scott Miller

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

inspired by Isaiah 43:19

One: Do you not perceive it?

All: No, God, we confess that often we are blind to the new thing you are doing.

One: So often we are not looking, and sometimes we choose not to see.

All: We are comfortable with the way things are—we weary of the call to your newness.

One: Sometimes we see, but our hearts are hardened and we look away, making excuses.

All: But you call us to respond, to live in your kingdom now.

One: Forgive our status-quo caution, our focus on self-preservation rather than on your kingdom.

All: Forgive our narrow vision and insistence that you fit into our plans.

One: Open us to the movement of your Spirit,

All: and give us hearts ready to be generous in response. 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

Dr. Mac Doubles

Children please meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary to go the Sunday School.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynn Mason

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-16, NT pg 198

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept

Billings/Schultz

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8 NT 106

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A New Thing

Dr. Doubles

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles Creed*)

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 74 *When God Restored Our Common Life - Psalm 126*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

*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*)

Gracious God, On Christ, by taking the burden of sin upon yourself, you reveal to us the way of generosity. Inspire us to give with generosity—to love life so that we may find it again, and that the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. We pray in Jesus' name.

*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 697

Take My Life

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **Whoever lives beside the Lord, sheltering in the Almighty's shade, shall say, "My God, in you I trust, my safety, my defender."**

POSTLUDE *During Lent please be seated during the postlude to quietly use this time for personal reflection.*

**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.

We thank Dr. Malcolm Carroll (Mac) Doubles for preaching today.

Dr. Doubles serves as Visiting Professor of Religious Studies at St. Andrews University, Coker College Provost Emeritus, and also still teaches twice a year at the SC Lay School of Theology. Mac received his A.B. from Davidson College (1953); B.D. (1957) Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA; (1955-56) Faculté de Théologie Protestante, Montpellier, France; Ph.D. (1962) The University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, UK; (1971-1972) Younger Humanist Fellow: Visiting Member, Senior Common Room, Mansfield College, Oxford, UK. Early in his career (1960-1965) Mac served as Pastor of Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Lebanon VA before he began teaching at St. Andrews Presbyterian College then Coker College. Mac participated in the Summer Fulbright Seminars in Pakistan 1983, and China 1988, and has been a member of the Fulbright Association since 2005. More than 125,000 U.S. scholars and 200,000 international scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program since 1947. It is one of the world's largest academic exchange programs. Mac has authored many books, is in the Directory of American Scholars, and Who's Who in America. Mac sings in our Chancel Choir and lives at Scotia with his wife Jacque. They are the parents of three children.

In lieu of flowers today a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Loma McQueen and Emily McQueen-Borden by Jim and Linda McQueen.

Today, March 13 Youth meet at 5:45 pm in fellowship hall.

Youth will meet next week March 20, then be off for Easter/Spring break for two weeks: March 27 and April 3.

Monday, March 14

4:30 pm PW Circle #2 Eileen and Vivian's home

7 pm Called Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 16

1 pm Scotia Lectionary Study (upstairs living room)

6 pm Fellowship Meal: BBQ Chicken, potato salad, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, tossed salad, tea, dessert; Adults: \$7 children under 12: \$3 Sign up today on friendship pad;

6:30 Cherub Choir; 6:30 pm Lenten Worship

7 pm Finance and Administration Committee

7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 17

5:30 pm Childcare Advisory Committee

Friday, March 18-Sunday, March 20

Scouts camping trip

Saturday, March 19 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.

Holy Week Begins Sunday, March 20 Palm/Passion Sunday

Dr. Ron Crossley will be preaching.

Lectionary: Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isa 50:4-9A; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

or Luke 23:1-4; Hymns: 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor; 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna; 198 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!;

Anthem: While Children's Voices Sing, arr. Burrows (Chancel Choir and Joyful Singers); In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill McInnis by his family.

Monday, March 21

7 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 23 - Holy Week break

NO meal or activities

Maundy Thursday, March 24

4 pm MMEC Scotia Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

7 pm in Sanctuary Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion by intinction; Hymns: 218 Ah, Holy Jesus; 202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare; 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane; 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus; 228 Were You There?; Anthem: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, arr. Roesch; Communion: 521 In Remembrance of Me

Holy Saturday, March 26

5:30 pm Service of Healing and Wholeness in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, March 27

10:30 am Flowering of the Cross in the sanctuary. Please bring flowers with you to decorate the cross

11 am Easter Sunday Worship with Communion

12 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt

One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering

Since 1949, Presbyterians have given generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their livelihoods, responding to disasters—these are all ways that your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing change lives, communities and the world. Offering collected Easter Sunday, March 27.

Monday, March 28

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

Wednesday, March 30 MACS are traveling to Southern Pines to see "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" at the Sunrise Theatre. Time, cost and where to dine after movie are still unknown. Please

contact Sis Thomas, 276-0220 or Betty Jackson, 276-7621 if you are interested in going with us by March 18. We will let you know asap all the answers about time etc. when the Theatre lets us know.

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

If you have a Tartan, please call Emily Womble (276-6879) to let her know who will carry your flag this year.

Kirkin' Lunch tickets are \$8 for anyone 12 and up (11 and under are free), but reservations must be made for all attending by purchasing tickets on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and through the office by the deadline of Thursday, March 31. Families/groups of 5 or more may reserve a table - please let us know when tickets are bought.

Monday, April 4 PW Circles meet

Tuesday, April 5 - A Hymn Festival

At 6:30 pm in the sanctuary you are invited to attend "But Now I See: The Emmaus Journey in Word and Song" A Hymn Festival led by Brian Hehn, Kyle Miller and José Rivera sponsored by the The Hymn Society. This Hymn Festival is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 5

7 pm BEG Committee

Wednesday, April 6

6 pm Fellowship Meal: Country style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, broccoli casserole, tossed salad

6:30 pm Agape Love Feast

7:15 Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 7

5 pm WMA Committee

LPC Community Garden is leasing plots now. Applications are available outside the office. Call Deborah Pierce 280-5675.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Ezell in her death, and to Charles Bounds and family in the death of his sister, Grace Ivey.

In Reid Heart/Moore Co.: Catherine McLaurin (had surgery 3/8)
Surgery scheduled: Kim Liles (3/16 SMH); Meredith Hudson (Reid Heart Center/Moore Co. 3/16)

Recently discharged: Larry Schulz, Virginia Ann McCormick, Don Ohl

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Margaret Caudill, Connie Harris, Katherine McKay, Ray McCormick, 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; Scotia Assisted: Betty Wayne Cooley, Ann and Ervin Hill, Helen Middleton, Adell Page; At Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

If you can help us - please call Lu 276-0831, x.301:

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

Preaching schedule

March 20 Ron Crossley
March 27 Lyndsey McCall
April 3 Edna Ann Loftus
April 10 Howard Whitehurst
April 17 Jim Smith
April 24 Doug Hix
May 1 Jim Bumgardner
May 8 Henrietta Carmichael
May 15 Laura Lupton, Mission Coordinator West Community
May 22 Edna Ann Loftus
May 29 Bill Reinhold, General Presbyter Stated Clerk

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