

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 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

March 19, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Lord, in this season of Lent, we prepare for the revelation of Jesus, his suffering, his death, and his victory in the resurrection. In this hour of worship, open our hearts to your Word, that it may prepare us to see his face. 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 Psalm 77

One: Come, let us call to mind the deeds of the Lord; let us remember the wonders of old.

All: Let us meditate on the works of God and consider the Lord's mighty acts.

One: For the way of the Lord is holy. What other god is as great as the Lord?

All: With a strong hand God redeemed our people, descendants of Israel. So bless the Lord, all you lands. Rejoice in our strong deliverer! Amen.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Hymn 23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we repay you, our savior, dearest friend? How can our lives show gratitude worthy of your sacrifice? As the scripture says, while we were dead through sin you made us alive. When we were wandering, you set our feet on the right path. But still we stray aimlessly, following other gods, forgetting your holiness, neglecting your gift. Our hearts are reluctant to follow your word; our wills are determined to shut you out. Forgive us, God. Make us worthy of the love you have shown. Guide our feet, occupy our hands, and redeem our minds, so we may serve you rightly. Please now hear our silent 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: Exodus 19: 7-19 PG. 65

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem God So Loved the World Stainer

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: I Thessalonians 4: 1-12 PG. 204

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

Words of Faith #5: Sanctification

" Live to Please God"

Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 695

Change My Heart, O God (sing 2x)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world so there may be free, grateful service to God's creatures. We reject the false teaching that there are areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other

lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

From The Barmen Declaration, Germany, 1934

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 God So Loved the World arr. Stainer 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)

Lord, we give thanks for your faithfulness toward us, your confidence in us, and your sustenance of us. In the light of your mercy and assured of your companionship, we dedicate these gifts, and ourselves, to you. Amen

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 718 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 549 May the Love of the Lord
May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, through out every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today following the church service, stop by the Fellowship Hall for a farewell to show thanks to LeGette McLean for his many years of service to the church, and a warm welcome to Charles Bounds who will follow in LeGette's foot prints.

Mar. 20

7:00 pm Session

Mar. 26

Kirkin'o Tartan

Mar. 27

5:30 pm PW Coordinating

MARCH SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Lynn Massey, co-chair, Carol Sellers, Debby Holcomb, Laura Beth Urie, Anne Sprouse

MARCH USHER TEAM # 2

Brian Bounds, Leader, David Bounds, Jim Mason, Boyd McLaurin, Randy Miller, Kevin Patterson, Bill Purcell II
Eddie Carmichael, Chip Wells

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Lynn Mason

NOTES AND THANKS

Kirkin' o the Tartan Lunch

Our annual Kirkin' of the Tartan service will be held on Sunday, March 26. Following that service, a luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall. 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 to attend at a cost of \$10 per person; children 12 and under are free, but need a ticket. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, March 22. 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 are available at the church office during the week or at the table outside the Sanctuary, following the Sunday worship service.

Kirkin'o the Tartan Banner Carriers please meet in the Sanctuary on March 26, 2017 at 9:00 to practice before service. Thanks

Emily Womble

Ushers Needed!

We continue to need ushers! If you can help serve, please contact John Clark at johnclark503@hotmail.com or Susan Wentz at susuwentz@gmail.com

The SAU Pipe Band invites you to a concert next weekend.

This concert features the SAU Pipe Band along with "Belles on Strings" - a group featuring traditional and original Scottish fiddle music performed on fiddle, cello, and harp. The Concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 25 (the night before our Kirkin') at 7 p.m. in the Morris Morgan Theater in the Morgan Liberal Arts Building at St. Andrews. ADMISSION IS FREE.

Thanks, Bill Caudill

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids in PreK through Grade 5 will take place after worship on Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday). Any members of the congregation who would like to contribute plastic eggs filled with treats and prizes should bring them to the Fellowship Hall prior to worship. We hope all LPC kids and their families will join us for worship and the egg hunt on April 9, and we encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, cousins, and grandchildren to come as well!

A UNIQUE MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2 PM

Two nationally known musicians will perform on Sunday, April 2 at 2 pm in the sanctuary of the church. Through the auspices of UNC Pembroke, Dr. Christopher Foster, trumpet, and Mark Anderson., organ, will collaborate with local musicians Tim and Larry Altman to present a wide-ranging professional concert experience.

Christopher Foster is the Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at Alfred University. An experienced musician and teacher, he has performed with the Reno Philharmonic in Ne-

vada, the North Texas Wind Symphony, the Reno Jazz orchestra, among other orchestras, and has been guest conductor at the Lake Tahoe Music Camp. His versatility is displayed at places like Harrah's Casino, in the Gordy Brown show. His recordings can be heard on the Klavier label, performing with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony.

Mark Anderson began his musical education in organ and harp at East Carolina University. Graduate work led him to Chicago, the American Conservatory, and to Paris, to study with the world famous teacher and composer Marcel Dupre. While in Paris he also studied composition with Nadia Boulanger and played at Notre Dame Cathedral. In the U.S. he played with the Boston symphony and gave weekly concerts on the largest residence pipe organ in the world at the Hammond Castle museum in Gloucester, MA. He currently resides in Lumberton, teaches organ at UNC Pembroke, and is president of International Artists. He hosts a weekly television show, Crescendo, on Time Warner Cable in NYC and via podcast on iTunes.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester Sarah Bullock, 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

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Robin Snead
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John Clark
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Annette Morgan
Kevin Patterson

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