

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 20, 2016



Founded 1859

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Palm/Passion Sunday

March 20, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118 (*responsive*)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**All: his steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Let Israel say,

**All: "His steadfast love endures forever!"**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**All: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

One: The Lord is God,

**All: and he has given us light.**

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**All: you are my God, I will extol you.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**All: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
Processional with Children and Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*LITANY OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

*(The Master Needs Your Donkey: A Prayer of Confession for Palm Sunday by the Rev. Nathan Decker)*

One: Lord, we are too nervous to ask for help from one another.

**All: The Master needs your donkey, but we're afraid to ask.**

One: Lord, we are afraid to give you what you ask.

**All: Help us realize that what we have is just a gift from you.**

One: Lord we are too proud to lay our cares before you.

**All: Help us to lay our cloaks on the colt, on the road, on your way.**

One: Lord, we have been quiet in our praise, our shouts of Hosanna sound like whispers.

**All: Put palms in our hands; help us in grace to stand.**

One: Lord, we have looked from the pinnacle of the temple, craving, protecting, and manipulating power. We have told you time and time again, make the crowds quiet down!

**All: Break our hearts of stone; let us see your steadfast love, and bring forth your Kingdom in this place.**

One: Lord, forgive us for what we have not asked;

**All: forgive us for what we have asked that was not needed, for what we have kept that was needed, and for what we have given that was unjust.**

*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 552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of all power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

*Younger children in the Explorers class please meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary to go the Sunday School. Our older children in Trekkers will remain in worship today, they are singing the anthem with the Chancel Choir.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Beverly Bowling

One Great Hour of Sharing: Easter Offering

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Laurene Stubbs

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a, OT pg 681

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11, NT pg 197

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*While Children's Voices Sing*  
Chancel Choir and Joyful Singers

arr. Burrows

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19: 28-40 NT pg 83

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Strange Triumph*

Dr. Ron Crossley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the**

**poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

\*HYMN 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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*)

**Blessed Lord, we are moved to be your faithful disciples. Like the palms laid long ago in honor of your Son, we present these gifts for your kingdom's work. We proclaim that your Spirit will transform the lives of all who believe in your Son, Jesus Christ. Hosanna in the Highest! 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 198      *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

\*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 223 (verse 1 & 4)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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. Ron Crossley for preaching today.***

Dr. Ron Crossley is an Honorably Retired member of the Presbytery and served as teacher of religion and also as Dean of the College at St. Andrews and as a teacher of theology and administrator at Columbia Seminary. Ron received his AB, Samford

University; BD, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; PhD, Duke University; Educational Management Certification, Harvard University; Institute on Judaism, Vanderbilt University. Ron also served as president of the Presbyterian Homes of South Carolina, and as Dean of the Presbytery's Commissioned Ruling Elder Academy. Ron and his wife, Evelyn, have four children, (Lynn, Glenn, Rhonda, and Janet), ten grandchildren, and one great grand daughter.

***In lieu of flowers today*** a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill McInnis by his family.

***Today, March 20 Youth meet at 5:45 pm*** in fellowship hall for dinner and Eggstravaganza! Youth will not meet March 27 and April 3.

***LPC T-shirts*** are for sale through the church office for \$10 each proceeds to benefit the youth program.

***Children's Choir/Chimes/Cherubs Rehearsal Schedule:***

No rehearsals March 23, 27, and 30

Sunday, April 3, 10 am: Joyful Singers & Ringers (room 219);

Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 pm: Cherub Choir and Joyful Singers & Ringers (room 219); Sunday, April 10 Children sing and ring in

worship at 9:30 am: Joyful Ringers in sanctuary. Cherubs should arrive at 10 am. We are only singing Call to Worship so Cherubs will be done early in the service. Ringers will play both prelude and offertory and so will need to stay through the entire service.

***Monday, March 21***

7 pm Session Meeting

***Wednesday, March 23 - Holy Week break***

NO meal or activities

***Maundy Thursday, March 24***

We will have two Maundy Thursday services

\*4 pm in Scotia's MMEC Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion; Solos by Jose' Rivera *In You, O Lord, I Found Refuge*, arr. Bell; and Jaime Martinez *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*, arr. Wagner

\*7 pm in Sanctuary Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion by intinction. Chancel Choir Anthems: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*, arr. Roesch; and *In You, O Lord, I Found Refuge*, arr. Bell

*\*The service of worship, taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae, is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." During the Maundy Thursday service we will experience only a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. We will leave the service in silence. There is no benediction because the grave is not the end of the story.*

### **Holy Saturday, March 26**

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

### **Easter Sunday, March 27**

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service at Monroe Camp & Retreat Center

10 am Please bring candy filled eggs to the fellowship hall

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 Immediately following worship Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the playground

**Easter Sunday**, we will collect the 2 cents a meal offering for March for world hunger and the 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.



***Monday, March 28***

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

***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. Brian Hehn, Director of The Center for Congregational Song of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada says, "We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith, heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace." This Hymn Festival is free and open to the public. Other churches will also participate in this hymn festival. We need and encourage your participation.

***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 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

***Thursday, April 7***

5 pm WMA Committee

***Applications for the LPC Women Scholarships and the Katie Groves McNeill Scholarship*** are available on the table outside the church office. There will be two \$500 scholarships given by LPC-PW and one Katie Groves McNeill Scholarship (amount to be determined). In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must be accepted (or enrolled) as a full-time student in an accredited institution of higher learning. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. All applications must be returned to the Presbyterian Women's box in the church office by 4 pm on Tuesday, April 12 and include a current transcript and a short statement regarding the applicant's purpose in pursuing higher education along with their application.

***LPC Community Garden is leasing plots now.*** Applications are available outside the office. Call Deborah Pierce at 280-5675 if any questions you have regarding the garden.

***Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—***  
Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Ezell in her death; to Charles Bounds and family in the death of his sister, Grace Ivey; to Carol Haney Coughenour in the death of her brother, Mike Haney; and to the family of Hazel Wright Mills in her death.

In Rehab: Catherine McLaurin; Recently discharged: Kim Liles, Meredith Hudson; 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

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