

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

March 27, 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 sign the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew, print your information and then return it to its starting point.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Tracy Thomas, soprano

Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP AND ENTRANCE OF THE ELEMENTS

The Light of Christ

One: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light" and there was light.

All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

The Bible

One: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. As Reformed Christians we accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and in our lives.

All: Jesus Christ is the Word of God.

The Water

One: The world was formed out of the chaos of the waters, Israel was saved through the waters of the Red Sea and came into their home through the Jordan River. Our entry into the family of God comes through the waters of baptism where we are washed clean and made whole.

All: In Jesus Christ we are buried and raised from death through the waters of baptism.

The Bread

One: Our God fed our ancestors in the wilderness with the Bread of Heaven. The Gospels tell us that Jesus fed the multitudes with bread and often broke bread with his disciples.

All: Jesus Christ is the Bread of the World.

The Cup

One: Israel often raised a cup of salvation in witness to what our God did for them. At the last supper with his disciples, Jesus declared that his blood was the sign and seal of a new covenant with us.

All: Jesus Christ is our Salvation.

The People

One: O God, the creation of the world was not complete until human beings were created to love you and enjoy you forever. Throughout the years you have lovingly gathered groups of people to yourself to bear witness to your love. Because you loved the world so much you sent Jesus, our Lord, into the world to save us.

All: Jesus Christ is our elder brother and the example that we seek to follow as we worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

One: The Lord is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: The Lord is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed!

One: This is the Lord's doing;

All: it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Kristen Anderson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 611 verse 1 **Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

Resurrection Eggs

Caroline Bounds and Tripp Wells

Children remain with their families today for communion.

Parents may take their younger children to the nursery.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Greg Smith

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12, NT pg 90

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM	<i>Since By Man Came Death</i>	Handel
	<i>O Death, Where is Thy Sting?</i>	Handel
	Jaime Martinez, soprano	
	Michael Price, tenor	
	<i>But Thanks Be to God</i>	Handel

MEDITATION Lyndsey McCall

*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.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY	<i>The Trumpet Shall Sound</i>	Handel
	Fabian Griffith, baritone	
	Rachel McCoy, trumpet	

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION HYMN 507 *Come to the Table of Grace (verses 1 and 3)*
Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

CALL TO THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: From the very beginning of the beginning,
God, you waited, you watched, you wondered.
Then, when the moment was right, your waiting ended —
and you brought everything into being!

One: Light! Matter! The stars and planets! Water and earth!
Life! You brought everything into being!

One: And people. Us!
People who laugh and cry.
People who live and love.
People who are born and people who die.
People who live their lives each and every day.
People from the east and the west,
the north and the south.
People of all lands, all faiths, and all countries.

One: People who live lives,
trying to understand who they are,
trying to understand who their neighbors are,
trying to understand who you are.
People like us, God.

One: And, like us, sometimes people lived outside of your love.
Sometimes, they understood how to love you,
and how to love their neighbors,
and how to love themselves.
But sometimes, they didn't.

One: Sometimes they didn't.
Sometimes they didn't understand.
Sometimes they didn't *want* to understand.
Sometimes, because of fear, or anger, or want, or greed
people stopped loving each other.
Stopped loving themselves.
Stopped loving you.

One: Or they forgot how important you were.
But you sent teachers, you sent prophets,
you sent grandmothers and grandfathers,
to tell the story of your love —
to shout the story of your love —
to sing the story of your love —
and call them back again.

One: You call *us* back to you again,
especially in our acts of worship,
in which remember your son's birth.
And so, with all of the voices of the heavens,
with all of the creatures of the land,
the sea and the air, together we shout:

**All: Holy, holy Lord, God of Love and Life,
the heavens and earth are full of your glory,
Blessed is the One who comes in your Name!**

One: You are Blessed, God most Holy!
When the time was right,
Jesus came to be among us.
Born into this life,
seeing your grace revealed in all things,
he laughed with those who laughed,
and cried with those who cried.
Through your love, he healed the sick,
he welcomed the outcast,
he challenged those in power,
and he called people back to your love.
He calls *us* back to your love.
As a tiny baby, as a teen, as an adult,
in the presence of the Holy Spirit,
Christ laughs and cries,
heals and welcomes,
challenges and loves,
again and again and again.

One: We have been told that,
on the night before he was taken
to be tortured on the cross,
Jesus sat with his disciples.
Ate with them, in a feast of remembrance.

They remembered God's act of salvation,
bringing Israel's people out of slavery,
into a new land of hope and wonder.
They told the story as it had been told
for countless generations,
and would be told far into the future —
giving thanks to you, God of all love,
for the bread and the cup.

but most of all for the promise of your love.

One: At that meal, Jesus took the bread,
asked your blessing upon it, broke it,
and when he gave it to his disciples, he said:
Take this — all of you — and eat it.
This is me. My body. Given for you.
Each time you eat it, remember me,
until I come again.

One: Close to the meal's end,
he took the cup filled with wine,
asked your blessing upon it,
and when he gave it to his disciples, he said:
Take this — all of you — and drink it.
This is me. This is my promise in my life's blood —
poured out for you and for the world.
Each time you drink it, remember me,
until I come again.

One: So we, his disciples,
eat and drink and remember.
Let us say together what we believe:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

One: God, we ask your blessing
on this bread and on this cup.
We ask that your Holy Spirit would fill it and fill us,
that we might truly be Christ's body in the world.
Fill our souls with your Presence,
and join us with all the faithful of every time and place,
that we might fill the world with you Love!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

So we pray as Jesus taught:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

THE SACRAMENT *Worshipers may eat the gluten-free bread as they
receive it, but are asked to hold the cup until all are served.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

518 *Your Only Son, Lamb of God*

522 *I am the Bread of Life*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT **Gracious God, may we who have
received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 238

Thine is the Glory

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

Please be seated for the choral response

CHORAL RESPONSE

Worthy is the Lamb

Handel

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony #5

Widor

**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.

Today we collect the March 2 cents a meal offering for world hunger and the One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering. Since 1949, Presbyterians have given generously to OGHS by feeding the hungry, helping people build up their livelihoods, responding to disasters—these are all ways that your gifts to OGHS change lives, communities and the world. Envelopes are available in the pew rack or just note on your check OGHS.

Leading us today in worship we thank our Youth, Elders and Chancel Choir and our guest musicians: Xi Yang, violin 1; Jenny Zhou, violin 2; Huadong Lu, viola; Paul Kirkpatrick, cello; Lydia Short, bass; Rachel McCoy, trumpet; and Joseph Van Hassel, timpani.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt today immediately following worship.

The Session voted to approve and appoint an Interim Search Committee at its March 21 meeting. The Committee composed of Larry Schulz, chair; Lynn Mason, Julian Butler, Debby Holcomb, and Richard Massey, will work with the Rev. Dr. Deck Guess, COM Liaison, to move forward in a timely manner with the process of finding an Interim Pastor to serve our congregation.

Please welcome Marion McNair on March 21, the Session approved her transfer of letter from Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte to LPC. Marion lives in 232 Scotia Hall.

LPC T-shirts are for sale through the church office for \$10 each proceeds to benefit the youth program. No Youth 3/27 and 4/3.

Monday, March 28 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

Next Sunday, April 3 is 1st Sunday of the Month Food Drive!

10 am: Joyful Singers & Ringers (room 219); 5:30 pm Deacons

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

Please call Emily Womble (276-6879) to tell her who will carry your flag this year. Rehearsal is at 9 am in the sanctuary on 4/3. Kirkin' Lunch tickets but must be purchased by Thursday 3/31 (\$8 for all 12 and up; 11 and under free). Groups of 5 or more may reserve a table. During the Kirkin' lunch starting about 12:20 there will be 20-30 minutes of music from 'Special Export' with Clark Hanmer, bass; Gary Buxengard, tenor; Lee Rasch, lead; & Roger Christians, baritone. The quartet sang together in La Crosse, WI from '99 to '04, until Hanmer moved to Laurinburg. Gary, Lee, and Roger are here for the weekend with their wives (Jan Lee, Susan, and Kenna) for a reunion after learning about Clark's cancer. They will be doing a short workshop with the students in the Choir Room at about 1 pm today and a second show at Scotia at 3:30. They are grateful to have an audience to help them reminisce.

Monday, April 4 PW Circles

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 attendance.

Tuesday, April 5 7 pm BEG Committee

Wednesday, April 6 6 pm Meal: Country style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, broccoli casserole, tossed salad; 6:30 pm Agape Love Feast; 6:30 Children's Choirs; 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 7 5 pm WMA Committee

Applications for the LPC Women Scholarships and the Katie Groves McNeill Scholarship are available outside the office. Deadline to submit April 12 with supporting materials.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Carol Haney Coughenour in the death of her brother, Mike Haney, and to the family of Hazel Wright Mills in her death.

Recently discharged: Catherine McLaurin, 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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN thank all of those who put Easter lilies in the sanctuary today. ***Please remember to take your Easter lily home with you following today's service.***

The Easter Lilies are given in memory of:

Tommy Britt by Jacque, Mary Taylor, Curt and Katherine Britt
Clarence W. Coughenour by Carol and Jim Coughenour
Bill McInnis by his family
Ann Marie Mason by Emma McInnis
Joseph Nichols by Emma McInnis
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. McCallum by Dean and Candy Nichols
Joseph McCallum Nichols by Dean and Candy Nichols
Thomas Randall Bridges by Dean and Candy Nichols
Ann Marie Mason by Jim and Lynn Mason
Nell and James Mason by Jim and Lynn Mason
Julie Caddell by Jim and Lynn Mason
Joseph Nichols by Jim and Lynn Mason
Flossie Wells by her family
Bill McInnis by Maggie and Chip Wells
Bill Wells by Maggie and Chip Wells
Flossie Wells by Maggie and Chip Wells

Jean Harling by David and Ellen Harling
John Hudson by Meredith Hudson and family
Leighton McKeithen by Ann Hatcher
Edna G. McKeithen by Ann Hatcher
Bill Bateman by the family
Lois Bateman by the family
John "Red" Bethea by Earl, Beverly, Lauren and Jonathan Bowling
Lewis Bowling by Earl, Beverly, Lauren and Jonathan Bowling
Jim Elliott by Beth Elliott, Kim Autry, Wade Elliott, & Sarah Litman
Mae Gullede by John Gullede
Archie and Janice McRimmon by John and Delia Muse
Bill Muse by John and Delia Muse
Lois Muse by John and Delia Muse
Essie Carmichael by John and Delia Muse
Christopher S. McLean by John and Delia Muse
Martha Tornow by Mac, Jane and Elizabeth
Win Tornow by Mac, Jane and Elizabeth
Katherine Fulton by Jane Tornow
Bill McInnis by Jane Tornow
John and Margaret Osanski by Edna Ann, Bill and Will Loftus
Jack and Ellen Loftus by Edna Ann, Bill and Will Loftus
Kathy Matyjevich by Edna Ann, Bill and Will Loftus
Jim Maddox by Linda Maddox
Ruth Coffey by Richard and Betsy Coffey Massey
Don Coffey by Richard and Betsy Coffey Massey
Ruth and Don Coffey by Hannah Massey
Dick Massey by Richard and Betsy Massey
Richard Walter Massey, Jr. by Hannah Massey
Bill and Christine Massey by John and Lynn Massey
Jack and Catherine Regan by John and Lynn Massey
Albert Leach by Jim and Annette Morgan
Jimmy Morgan by Jim and Annette Morgan
Joseph Nichols by Jim and Annette Morgan
Angus W. Pait by Shirley Pait
Lindsey Thomas by his family
George Truman by his family
Gerald Sellers by his family

Katherine Fulton by Hewitt Fulton
Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Fulton by Hewitt Fulton
Warren and Jeanine Fulton by Hewitt Fulton
John and Alice Baxley by LeGette and Charlotte McLean
Archie N. and Kate Maynard by LeGette and Charlotte McLean
Bernice and Hubert McRae by Celeste and John McRae
Cecil and Janice Williams by Celeste and John McRae
Sammy Williams by Celeste and John McRae
Edwin and Eunice McNeill by Andy and Emily Womble
Edwin and Lena Womble by Andy and Emily Womble
Ann Groves McNeill by Andy and Emily Womble
Craig C. Smith by Greg Wood and Janet Smith
Gert Gamache by Greg Wood and Janet Smith
William E. Smith by Greg Wood and Janet Smith
Martha Tornow by Jane, Mac and Elizabeth
Win Tornow by Jane, Mac and Elizabeth
Katherine Fulton by Jane Tornow
Bill McInnis by Jane Tornow

The Easter Lilies are given in honor of:

Emma McInnis by Chip and Maggie Wells
My children and grandchildren by Emma McInnis
Julian and Clara Butler by Emma McInnis
Kelly McDonald by Emma McInnis
Catherine McLaurin by Emma McInnis
The Music Program at LPC by Emma McInnis
Neal, Debbie and Candace Carter by Emma McInnis
Hudson Joseph Nichols by Dean and Candy Nichols
Harper Mae Nichols by Dean and Candy Nichols
John Carmichael by their children
Henrietta Carmichael by their children
Joseph and April Jackson by their children
Jacque Doubles by Linda Maddox
Julian and Clara Butler by Jane Tornow
Hewitt Fulton by Jane Tornow
Ann Hatcher by Jane Tornow
Emma McInnis by Jane Tornow
Marion McNair by Jane Tornow

Norma McKeithan by Jane Tornow
Geoff and Molly Taylor by Jane Tornow
Our grandchildren by Frances and Hal Jernigan
Our great grandchildren by Frances and Hal Jernigan
Gloria Truman by her family
Jose', Sean and Jaime by Andy and Emily Womble
Juanita and Donn Moberg by Jim and Lynn Mason
Emma McInnis by Jim and Lynn Mason
Lyndsey McCall by Jim and Lynn Mason
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