

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

1st Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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 5, 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 8

One: O Lord, sovereign God, wondrous is your name over all the earth!

All: When we look at the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and stars that you established,

One: What are we, human beings, that you are mindful of us? Yet you made us but a little lower than the angels, crowning us with glory and honor.

All: So let us give thanks and praise to the Lord, our sovereign God. Wondrous is God's name over all the earth! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God: we confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slow in doing good. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have wandered from your ways. We have left undone the things that we ought to have done, yet have done those things we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Have mercy on us, Lord. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Correct whatever we do that hurts you, and redeem us through your Son Jesus Christ. Please hear now 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: Psalm 51:1-12 PG. 520

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem My Song is Love Unknown arr. Kirkby

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 15:18-25 PG. 110

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE Words of Faith: #3 Sin
"My Sin Is Always Before Me"

Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in us as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and others, and become exploiters and

despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving, and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation. Even human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without forgiveness.... No one is more subject to judgment than one who assumes to be guiltless before God and morally superior to others.

From The Confession of 1967

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.

OFFERERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

*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 826 Lift High the Cross (an LPC top-ten hymn)

*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.

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Jim Maddox given by the family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

4:30 Deacons

Mar. 6 - PW Circle Meetings

Circle 1- 7 pm- Home of Janice Liles, Co- host- Phyllis Breedon

Leader- Phyllis Breedon- Study Leader-Martha Olmstead

Circle 2- 4:30 pm-Home of Virginia McCormick, Co-host Lillian Boger

Leader - Lillian Boger- Study Leader- Ramona Wright

Circle 4- 3:45 pm-Scotia Village

Leader - Carolina Caddell - Study Leader- Henrietta Carmichael

Mar. 7

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

7:00 pm BEG

Mar. 14

5:00 pm CNE

Mar. 15

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

Mar. 16

5:30 pm Child Care

Mar. 20

7:00 pm Session

Mar. 26

Kirkin'o Tartan

Mar. 27

5:30 pm PW Coordinating

MARCH SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Lynn Massey, chair, Carol Sellers, Debby Holcomb,

Laura Beth Urie, Anne Sprouse

MARCH USHER TEAM # 2

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

LAY WORSHIP LEADER FOR TODAY: BILL LOFTUS

NOTES AND THANKS

Easter Lilies

Every year Presbyterian Women takes order for Easter Lilies. The deadline to place your order is March 12th. The price is \$10. You may place lilies in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are inserted in bulletin. Any questions call Candy Nichols-280-8289

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.

March 19th 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.

Please consider joining or helping the Fellowship Committee. We will have a committee meeting at the church on Wednesday, April 12th at 5:30 PM. Please call Martha Olmstead at (h) 361-4747 or (c) 910-571-2220 with questions, ideas or offers to help.

Rehearsals for music ensembles, new members are always welcome!

Chancel Choir (High School-Adult): Wednesdays 7:15-8:15 pm,
Sundays 10:30 am

Youth Handbells (Middle/High School): Sundays 5-5:45 pm

Joyful Singers & Ringers (Grades 1-8): Sundays 10-10:30 am

Joyful Noisemakers (PreK-Grade 1): Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm

Wednesday, March 8 MACS will be leaving the church at 11 A.M to have lunch at Sandhills Women's Exchange, It is a log cabin that was built in 1923 in Pinehurst NC. The Manager will give a talk about its history. Thanks, Sis Thomas, co chair

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 7, 2017- 9:30 AM

Come join us as we clean Sanctuary in preparation for Kirkin o' Tartan and Easter.

Thank you

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester, Sarah Bullock
Jake Caudill, Millie Peele, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons,
Elizabeth McIntosh, Dawn Salzlein

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson
Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Klare Van Dusen
Marjorie Coughenour

Sotia Special Care: Frances Haupt, Ann Hill, Margaret Caudill

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, John and Helen Baker

At Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

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**Community Lenten Lunches
and Ecumenical Worship**

Join Fellow Christians from Laurinburg during the season of Lent on Wednesdays at noon. The United Methodist Church is hosting Lenten devotions and a light lunch (\$6.00). Various Pastors from the comunity will lead the devotions. Dr. Duane Hix is scheduled

THE SESSION: Moderator Dr. Duane Hix (cell: 919-819-7198)

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

Class of 2019

Danny Caddell
John Clark
David Herr
Deborah Hobbs
Richard Mabry
Annette Morgan
Kevin Patterson

THE DEACONS: Moderator: Bill Loftus

Class of 2017

Kitson Broadbelt
Chris Carmichael
Stuart Carmichael
Bill Loftus
Chris Rhue
Ellen Thompson

Class of 2018

Barbara Bateman
Beverly Bowling
David Carmichael
Dan Sprouse
Debra Sutherland

Class of 2019

Jacque Britt
Lynn Davis
Kirsten Dean
John Gulledge
Susan Hartwell
Bette Sellers

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Moderator: Virginia Ann McCormick

Vice-Moderator, Leslie Sellers

Delia Muse, Treasurer

Beverly Bowling, Secretary

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