

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016



Founded 1859

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 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

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 59

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin: Receive again your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our passion for things of the moment. Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM HYMN 486, verse 1

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign. With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Minister: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from Holy Scripture: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Let us remember and rejoice in our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning. You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land.

In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it, we are buried with Christ in his death. From it, we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it, we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE

Elder Greg Wood presents Charlie James Phillips for baptism.

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Charlie James Phillips, son of Pat and Courtney, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

MINISTER addresses Parents:

Minister: Do you desire that your child be baptized?

Parents: I do.

Minister: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child?

Parents: I do.

ELDER addresses the Congregation:

Elder: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Charlie by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

Congregation: We do.

INVITATION TO BAPTISM

Minister: Charlie James Phillips, for you Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is finished;" for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he did for you, Charlie James, before you knew anything of it. And so the Word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God loved us first."

THE BAPTISM AND BLESSING

Minister: Charlie James Phillips, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Lord, uphold Charlie by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

WELCOME

Congregation: *Please join in singing "Jesus Loves Me" as Charlie is presented to the church.*

Elder: Charlie is now received into the holy catholic Church. Through baptism God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

ELDER presents Sampler and Baptism Certificate.

THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of God be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

BAPTISM HYMN 486, verse 4

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11-24 NT 78

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

II Corinthians 5:16-21 NT 181

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Dream Makeover

Charles Wentz

*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 209

My Song is Love Unknown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lonesome Valley*, Martin Chancel Choir

*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*)

God of Light, you gave us your only son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Money seems less significant when compared to your gift of life. Yet, we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. 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 625

How Great Thou Art

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

POSTLUDE

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*2 times*)

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

**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.

In lieu of flowers today a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in honor of the birth of Grayson Douglas Harris born January 28, 2016, grandson of Connie and Doug Harris.

We thank Charles Wentz for preaching today. Charles and his wife, Susan, are proud parents of two children and five grandchildren. A member of our church since 1972, he was first elected elder in 1977 and served for many years as a youth advisor. Charles became a Commissioned Ruling Elder in our presbytery in 1996 and is currently commissioned to the pastoral ministry of Scotland Family Counseling Center, after serving as pastor to Parkton and Centre Presbyterian Churches. He is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill (B.S.) and UNC-Pembroke (M.A.). He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the Executive Director of the counseling center.

March Sanctuary Committee: Lynn Massey co-chair; Debby Holcomb, Carol Sellers, Anne Sprouse, Laura Beth Urie

Today is the Deacon's 1st Sunday of the Month Food Drive If you didn't bring a canned good with you today please bring one next Sunday for Church Community Services. Baskets are located at the entrances for your contributions.

Today, March 6 at 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting

Monday, March 6 PW Circles meet Circle 1 7 pm at Sandra Hoffman's; Circle 2 4:30 at Eileen and Vivian's; Circle 3 noon in fellowship hall (bring a sandwich); Circle 4 3:45 at Scotia

Tuesday, March 8 Theology on Tap (TOT) at the Downtown Club starts at 6 pm for fellowship, 7 pm dinner: BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, sautéed green beans. RSVP to church office or Frances Willis, or sign up today on the friendship pad.

Tuesday, March 8: Deadline to submit applications for the PW Honorary Life Membership Award. Apps available outside office.

Wednesday, March 9 at 6 pm Meal: Stew beef, ricegravy, green beans, stewed apples, tossed salad, tea, dessert; Adults: \$7 and children under 12: \$3 Sign up today on friendship pad; 6:30 Cherub Choir: 6:30 pm St. Andrews Choir Concert; 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

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. 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.

Community Garden is leasing plots now. Applications available outside the church office. Call Deborah Pierce 280-5675 with ?s.

The Fellowship Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped with the reception on Sunday, February 28. You really stepped up to get this done in a hurry and we really appreciate it.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Edna McKeithen in her death; and to Charles Bounds and family in the death of his sister, Grace Ivey. Surgery scheduled: Don Ohl (outpatient SMH 3/7); Catherine McLaurin (Reid Heart/Moore Co. 3/8); Meredith Hudson (Reid Heart Center/Moore Co. 3/16); Recently discharged: Larry Schulz, Virginia Ann McCormick; Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Margaret Caudill, Nancy Ezell, 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

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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

Saturday, March 19 from 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.

The deadline to order Easter Lilies is Wednesday, March 9.

You may purchase an Easter Lily for \$10 to place in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone on Easter Sunday, 3/27. Make checks payable to LPC-PW place your check and order form in the offering plate, drop it off in the church office, or mail them to Delia Muse, PW Treasurer, PO Box 335 Laurinburg, NC 28353
You may also email this information to: deliamuse@gmail.com
Questions contact Candy Nichols at 276-8054 or 280-8289.

EASTER LILIES PLEASE PRINT & CIRCLE MEMORY/HONOR

Your Name _____

Amount of check \$ _____ (made payable to LPC-PW)

In MEMORY/HONOR of _____

by _____

The Session

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