

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

5th Sunday in Lent

April 2, 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

April 2, 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 34

One: Come, let us bless the Lord at all times! May God's praise be always on our lips.

All: Come, let our souls delight in the Lord. Let the humble hear and be glad!

One: For we sought the Lord, and he answered, delivering us from all our fears.

All: Let us look to the Lord and be radiant; our face will never be put to shame. Let us magnify the Lord, exalting God's name forever! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Hymn 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your presence today, Lord, we admit that sometimes we grow discouraged and tired – tired of believing in your truth, which takes patience and insight to discover, tired of working for your church when it seems to be spinning its wheels, tired of hoping for peace when war is so evident. We are like the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision: can we ever live with energy and

confidence? Can we ever believe with conviction and commitment? Help us, God. Forgive and renew us. Send your Spirit to bind up our wounds, fill us with your power, and sweep us out into the world with your Word on our lips. 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: Ezekiel 37:1-10 PG. 806

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem River in Judea arr. Leavitt

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:1-11 PG. 157

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "Can These Bones Live?" Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1996

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 Brighter Than the Sun, Makeever
(Stuart Carmichael, solo)

*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 716 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

POSTLUDE

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Stuart Carmichael

Please remain after worship today for a congregational meeting. We will elect two deacons to fill unexpired terms; Finance and Administration committee will present the budget that the session approved last month, and we will examine, amend as needed, and embrace the Mission Study document. Your comments are much appreciated.

**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

Congregational Meeting After Worship

2:00 pm Organ and Trumpet Concert

4:30 pm Deacons

Apr. 3

PW Circle Meetings

Apr. 4

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

7:00 pm BEG

Apr. 5

5:30 pm WMA

Apr. 9

Palm Sunday

One Hour Of Sharing Offering Received

Egg Hunt After Worship

Apr. 12

5:30 pm Fellowship

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

Apr. 13

5:30 pm Childcare

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

April 16

Easter Sunday Worship

10:00 am Flowering Of The Cross

Apr. 17

7:00 pm Session

Apr. 18

5:00 pm CNE

Apr. 24

5:30 PW Coordinating

April 26

6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner

APRIL SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Candy Nichols, Co-chair, Jane McLaurin, Heather Peele,

Kristen Broadbelt, Kristen Anderson

APRIL USHER TEAM # 3

Hal Jerningan, Lead, Gus Purcell, Gus Purcell Jr, Jackson Purcell,

Bill Loftus, Allen McLaurin, John McLaurin, Penny McLaurin,

Gray Sellers, Anne Sprouse, Jimmy Stubbs, Philip Wilkinson,

Clint Willis, Charles Bounds, Phil Eshleman

NOTES AND THANKS

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!

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester Millie Peele, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons, Elizabeth McIntosh

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

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