

# Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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 23, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Lord, in this season of Eastertide, we exult in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe, sometimes despite appearances, that he lives among us and seeks our friendship. In this hour of worship, open our hearts to your Word, that it may prepare us to see him in our midst. 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 148

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens. All you angels, praise God in the heights!

**All: Praise the Lord, both sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!**

One: Praise the Lord, morning light and evening dusk, rainy day and starlit night, hills and mountains, fields and streams, lift up your heads in song.

**All: Nature and people, angels and stars, all realms of creatures, all that has voice, praise the name of the Lord! Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 485 We Know that Christ is Raised

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, in whom we place our trust: you are the bedrock of our faith. Over the centuries, you made a way in the wilderness and redeemed us from evil. We have been blessed by your presence. But not all have been able to see you as readily, for the world is against them. Forgive us that we allow brothers and sisters in Christ to suffer for their faith. And forgive us also, for in our land where faith is not costly we still do not trust you enough. Help us learn from disciples who are faithful even in persecution. Watch over them. Where their vision fails, teach them to trust in your love, which never fails. Please now hear these personal sins of 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 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! (Refrain)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

## 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.*

Special Music: King of Glory, King of Peace, Scott (Trey Grier solo)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: I Peter 1:3-9 PG. 232

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE "Though You Have Not Seen Him" Dr. Duane Hix

\*HYMN 329 God is Our Refuge and our Strength

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Call to Service – A Litany

Moderator: There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same God who is served.**

Moderator: God works through different people in different ways, but the same God achieves the divine purpose through them all.

**People: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, to use it for the common good.**

Moderator: Together we are the body of Christ.

**People: And individually members of Him.**

Introduction of Deacons to be Installed

**Miriam Bounds and Robert Dyer**

Constitutional Questions to the Deacons

Questions to the Congregation

UNISON PRAYER

**God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, we pray. Amen**

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

\*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)

**O risen Christ, your greatest gift is your eternal presence among us. But please receive also our thanks for all that sustains our daily lives. Accept these offerings made in gratitude and in commitment to your living Word. Amen**

### **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

POSTLUDE

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Stuart Carmichael

*\*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.

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God in memory of Bill and Lois Bateman by the family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

Please remain briefly after worship today for a congregational meeting to elect the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee: Nominees from the boards and organizations of the church, plus at large nominees from the Congregational Nominating Committee, are:

**David Herr, Janet Smith, Jacque Britt, Lynn Davis, Virginia Ann McCormick, Ryan Phillips, Fred Mabry, Betsy Massey, and Bradley Williams.**

**Dr. Duane Hix will be away from the office April 24-30 for continuing education. Please direct Pastoral care concerns to Dr. Doug Hix this week.**

### Apr. 24

**5:30 PW Coordinating**

### April 26

**6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner. Please sign the Fellowship pad and make your reservation.**

### 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Edddie and Chris Carmichael on the arrival of their bundle of joy, Molly Sophia. Born April 16, 2017 6 lbs. 14 oz and 19 1/4 long. Welcome Molly Sophia!!!!!!!

**St. Andrews Final Exam Stress Buster -- Calling all LPC Bakers!** The St. Andrews Final Exam **"Cookies and Milk"** Stress Buster event will be hosted by the LPC Deacons on Sunday evening, April 30. If you would like to help, please bring your cookies, or other goodies, to the church before 5:30 on Sunday, April 30, and leave them in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Also, please include a note if they contain nuts or coconut. The LPC Deacons and St. Andrews students thank you!

*Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—*

**Continuing Concerns:** Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester Sarah Bullock, Millie Peele, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons Elizabeth McIntosh, Bob Dye, John McRae

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

**Scotia 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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**Class of 2017**

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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**

Miriam Bounds  
Chris Carmichael  
Stuart Carmichael  
Bill Loftus  
Chris Rhue  
Ellen Thompson

**Class of 2018**

Barbara Bateman  
Beverly Bowling  
David Carmichael  
Dan Sprouse  
Debra Sutherland  
Bob Dyer

**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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