

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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 30, 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 Easter Fanfare Barker
 Joyful Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP From Luke 11

One: Our Lord invites us: Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened for you.

All: For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds.

One: And for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

All: So let us come to the house of God and knock. Let us come to this hour of worship and seek the Lord, that we may be found. Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by

what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40: 27-31 Pg. 668

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem O Sing to the Lord a New Song Burkhardt
 Chancel Choir and Joyful Singers

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1: 3-14 Pg. 192

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Perseverance of the Saints" Dr. Doug Hix
(An Interim Report)

*HYMN 833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

From A Declaration of Faith

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 Zion's Walls Copland
Bruce Isley 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)

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 637 O Sing to the Lord

*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 Like a River Glorious Berry/Valey
Joyful Ringers

(Congregation please be seated for Postlude)

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Charles Wentz

**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

May 2

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

7:00 pm BEG

May 3

5:30 pm WMA

May 7

Youth Sunday

4:30 pm Deacons

May 8

PW Circle Meetings

Circle 1- 6:30 pm - Home of Clara Butler - Covered Dish

Phyllis Breeden - Moderator

Study Leader -Shirley Pait

Circle 2 - 4pm - Jerry's

Lillian Boger - Moderator

Ramona Wright - Study Leader

Circle 4 - 3:45 pm - Scotia Village 2nd floor

Dinner Will Be Served

Carolina Caddell - Moderator

Henrietta Carmichael - Study Leader

May 10

5:30 pm Fellowship

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

May 11

5:30 pm Childcare

May 15

6:00 pm PW Birthday Dinner

7:00 pm Session

May 16

5:00 pm CNE

May 17

6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner

MAY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Jacque Britt, Co-chair, Georgia Dye, Carolina Caddell,

Heidi Poage, Lynn Mason, Kathy Williamson

MAY USHER TEAM # 4

Bradley Williams, Lead, John Clark, Mike Coughenour,

Joel Hartwell, Barbara Bateman, David Herr, Wayne Hobbs,

John Massey, Michael Sellers, Jamie Sutherland

Drew Williamson, Greg Wood

NOTES AND THANKS

St. Andrews Final Exam Stress Buster -- Calling all LPC Bak-

ers! The St. Andrews Final Exam "Cookies and Milk" Stress Bust-

er 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!

We thank Dr. Doug Hix for preaching today.

On Sunday, May 7, our Middle and High School Youth will lead all aspects of the worship service. They will serve as ushers and lay readers, share their musical gifts, and even provide the sermon--Confirmation Class members will read their statements of faith as they prepare to join the congregation. We hope you will all join us in the Sanctuary for this very special service, and support our youth as they grow in faith and prepare to be long-term leaders of the church.

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

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

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