

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 9, 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 9, 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 and Introit: Rejoice in the Lord, Lindner
(Joyful Singers & Cherub Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 67

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy in your presence.

One: For you judge the people with equity, and guide the nations of the earth. Thus the earth yields its increase, honoring its creator.

All: So let us bless the Lord, all people. Let the ends of the earth revere the Lord our Maker. Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Hymn 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you led Israel through centuries of wandering and war, uniting tribes, claiming a land, building a temple. Centuries later, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem, revealing your grace, calling us to worship you as Lord. But we confess that we do not recognize Christ when he enters our own gates, that we do not hail him as king, or honor you

with songs of adoration. Forgive our distracted minds and hazy vision. Guide us into your courts; transform us through praise and prayer. Give us such faith that in every city we may live for justice and tell of your mercy. 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 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 FIRST READING: Psalm 118: 1-9 PG. 565

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Hosanna in the Highest
(Chancel Choir & Joyful Singers)

THE OLD TESTAMENT SECOND READING: Psalm 118: 19-29 PG. 565

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Gate of the Lord" Dr. Duane Hix
(First person monologue)

*HYMN 364 Lift Up the Gates Eternal

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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)

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 198 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
verse 3

**"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

POSTLUDE

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Anne Caudill

Please return this Holy Week on Thursday evening at 7 for the Service of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday. Let us not forget that between the celebration of Palm Sunday and the celebration of Easter many hard hours of doubt, suffering and sacrifice beset our Lord Jesus and his disciples. The Service of Tenebrae reminds us of the full passion narrative and encourages us to remember the whole meaning of the Easter season.

**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 Bill McInnis by the family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Palm Sunday

**One Hour Of Sharing Offering Received
Easter 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

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 By Reservations

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

Thanks to our children and youth for sharing their musical talents in today's worship service! We appreciate the help of John Alec Caudill and Daniel Caudill (percussion); Lainey Murphy and Ella Kate Quick (Cherub Choir); and Annie Anderson, Max Anderson, Claire Carmichael, Katie Carmichael, Caroline Hicks, Eli Hicks, Sarah Beth McLaurin, Sumner McLaurin, and Vivienne Rhue (Joyful Singers).

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place after worship today! Parents of PreK and Elementary children, please meet your kids in their Sunday School classrooms after worship, and then bring them to the Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate in the Egg Hunt. Any members of the congregation who would like to

watch the egg hunt should head directly to the playground area (or the fences surrounding the playground near our parking areas) after worship.

Egg Hunt Helpers needed! Any middle and high school youth who would like to help hide eggs should leave worship during the Offering and meet Jaime in the Fellowship Hall.

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!

The office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday. The Daycare will be closed Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday, will resume operations on April 19th.

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

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

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

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