

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

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Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016



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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

May 15, 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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

*A Litany for Pentecost by Thom Shuman*

One: Come, Spark of justice:

**All: enliven our passion for those who are imprisoned behind bars and fears; those held captive by prejudices and poverty.**

One: Come, Shelter for life:

**All: calm us when our worries toss and turn us in the night; comfort us when hurtful words silence all around us.**

One: Come, Advocate of the oppressed:

**All: tear down the walls of acquiescing silence which keep us from hearing our neighbors; build bridges across the widening chasms of our rampant isolationism.**

One: Come, Shimmer of mystery:

**All: open our eyes to the sign language of love shared by all creation; teach us the dance steps you gave to the dolphins and whales.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

\*HYMN 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

*At the beginning of the hymn,  
please pass your completed red slip of paper  
to the end of the row.*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Spirit of life, we confess that our fears drive us into the shadowed places of our lives. We pull the shutters of sin tight, to close out the light of your love. We slide the deadbolt crafted out of our doubts, turn the key to lock us away from your searching grace. We fall silent as we hear the footfalls of your hope just outside the door of our hearts.**

**But you will not remain at arm's length from us, Spirit of cleansing. You rush in to sweep away our worries, replacing them with wonder. You dance in our cold hearts until they ignite in love for everyone around us. You offer oldsters visions of hope, and youngsters dreams of peace for a broken world. May we be as faithful in our believing, and in our living, as was Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

*Children remain in worship today  
with their families for communion.  
Parents may take their  
younger children to the nursery.*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9  
(OT pg 9)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21  
(NT pg 119)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Such Confusion*

Rev. Laura Lupton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* (unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds**

from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*HYMN 291

*Spirit of Gentleness*

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Spirit of God, Descend*

arr. Helgen

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn 507 verse 1

*Come to the Table of Grace*

**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.**

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CALL TO THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING and 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Worshippers may eat the gluten-free bread as they receive it, but are asked to hold the cup until all are served.*

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (unison)

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 285     *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING  
Service for Fabian Griffith

One: Fabian Griffith, you came to us as a freshmen at UNCP eager and willing to serve in worship here at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church.

**All: We give thanks for your time with us and your willingness to share your gifts with us.**

One: The risen Lord himself has commanded us to go into all the world. We are sorry that your time here has come to an end; yet, with great hope, we know that God goes with you.

**All: We pray that you will joyfully offer your gifts and talents, your energy and enthusiasm in the next place that God has for you.**

One: There will be many joys and challenges on this journey, but the risen Christ knows where you will find what you need.

**All: We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill and empower and guide you as the next part of your journey begins.**

One: Fabian, may the risen Christ lead you, bless you and make you a blessing as you continue serve God in the future. May the risen Christ also lead the rest of us, bless us and make us a blessing as we continue serve faithfully right

here where we are. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*Choral Response *May the Road Rise to Meet You* Turner

POSTLUDE

*\*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.

***This morning we celebrate Pentecost - the birthday of the church.*** The Spirit that came to the early Christian believers on the day of Pentecost is the same spirit that dwells among us today. Each of us has been given special gifts from the Spirit in order to build the kingdom of God. Take a moment to reflect on what gifts you have been given. What gift can you share with the church, our community, our world? The red strip of paper in your bulletin is an invitation for you to proclaim and promise to share that gift. During the singing of the 1st hymn, we will gather these strips of paper. They will be displayed during the service as an offering to God and as a reminder of our responsibility to use the gifts we have been given by the Spirit.

***Today we welcome Rev. Laura Lupton*** who is on staff with the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina serving as Mission Coordinator for the West Community. The West Community is 5 counties (Scotland, Hoke, Moore, Lee and Harnett) with about 70 churches. Rev. Lupton assists pastors and congregations with

various issues and supports pastors in their ministry. She has an office in Cameron Presbyterian Church and lives in Fayetteville.

***If you would like to purchase a 2016-2017 Presbyterian Planning Calendar*** please contact the church office by Monday, May 16. Make checks payable to LPC. Cost is \$14.95 + 1.50 shipping.

### ***Pentecost Offering***

Today we collect the Pentecost Special Offering, as part of the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission. As you know, on Pentecost we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles and leading 3000 persons to act on their faith and to be baptized and to follow Christ. This offering is designated to help bring young people to their own faith, allow avenues for them to meet and share stories, ideas and their gifts, and to help minister to children at risk in our communities.

Specifically, our congregation will keep 40% of the collection to "support local youth programs" about which it is passionate. The Presbyterian Mission Agency will receive 60% of the funds to support the Young Adult Volunteers program, Ministries with Youth program, and education and advocacy for children at risk through "Educate a Child: Transform the World" national initiative.

Please consider the materials found in your bulletins and consider giving generously.

### ***We recognize and congratulate our college graduates!***

***Emma Margaret Wells***, daughter of Chip and Maggie Wells, graduated Friday, May 5, 2016 from East Carolina University College of Allied Health; BS in Speech and Hearing Sciences; Magna Cum Laude. Emma will begin graduate school in the fall at Appalachian State University to pursue a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology.



**Caleb A. Wood**, son of Greg Wood and the late Cheryl K. Wood, and stepson of Janet Smith, graduated from Virginia Tech on May 13, 2016. Caleb has earned two degrees in Neuroscience and Biology, plus a minor in Interdisciplinary Engineering.

**Fabian Griffith, who has been singing in our Chancel Choir for the past four years** was born and raised in Houston, Texas. Ever since he was little he has had an ear for music. His dad gave him a trumpet at the age of 4 and since then he has slowly progressed into the musician he is today. Fabian played trumpet all through high school and even made it into the top 1 percent of musicians in the high school level in Texas. During his senior year in high school Fabian expanded his love for music and started singing for the choir at his high school. In a short time his choir teacher realized his potential as a singer and suggested that he pursue a career in singing. Fabian took that advice and auditioned at UNC Pembroke and was admitted. Transferring all the experience and skills from the trumpet to voice, Fabian quickly started to have success singing. His sophomore year in college he entered the NATS competition and made it all the way to the National Finals. He continued after that to improve upon his musicianship and later became the lead role in the "Marriage of Figaro" in Italy. Fabian received his Bachelor of Arts in Music from UNCP and will be attending Texas Tech University in the Fall to pursue his Masters in Opera Performance and to hopefully have a successful career.

**Tomorrow Monday, May 16**

**Presbyterian Women complete another year at the PW Birthday Salad Dinner at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.** Please bring a salad to share. Scotia ladies will be our guests and a bus will pick you up at 5:45. Our PW life membership and scholarship recipients will be announced.

**Monday, May 16**

**Session Meeting at 7 pm**

**Wednesday, May 18**

7:15 pm Last Wednesday Chancel Choir rehearsal until Aug. 17.

**Next Sunday, May 22 is Trinity Sunday. Lyndsey McCall will be preaching and we will celebrate holy communion again. This will be Lyndsey's last Sunday at LPC.** Following worship on May 22, you are invited to join us for a reception in the fellowship hall to say goodbye to Lyndsey and thank her for sharing her time and talents with us.

**Also Next Sunday, May 22 we will offer in-home communion to our homebound members.** If you would like to receive communion in your home, please contact Lu in the church office 276-0831, x. 301 by Tuesday, May 17.

**Youth Parents** please remember \$325 is due by May 22 for Montreat Youth Conference July 17-23 for rising 9th through graduating seniors.

***Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—***

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Harry Camper in his death.

New request for prayer:  
Klare Van Dusen (Scotia 94 Farmhouse)

Scotland Memorial:  
Anne Ramsey Melton (308 rehab)

Recently discharged:  
Flora Wells (knee replacement)

Continuing Concerns:  
Lucile Bridgeman  
Margaret Caudill  
Connie Harris

Catherine McLaurin  
Ray McCormick  
Clark Hanmer

In Scotia Skilled:

Helen Baker  
Evelyn Crossley  
Edna Drake  
Ann Hill  
Frances Hopkins  
Virginia Johnson  
Mackey McCormick  
Helen Middleton

Special:

Anne Collins  
Frances Haupt

Scotia Assisted:

Ervin Hill  
Adell Page

At Scottish Pines:

Katherine Edmund  
Thelma Morgan

***Congratulations on the birth of Adelyn Leigh Webb on May 4, 2016.*** Adelyn is the daughter of Tanner and Jessica Holcomb Webb, and granddaughter of Debby Holcomb.

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David Harling  
Bill Hill  
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Lynn Mason  
Maggie Ratcliffe

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Janet Smith  
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Don Ohl  
Jimmy Stubbs

**Class of 2017**

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Chris Rhue  
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