

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

7th Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action



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

May 28, 2017

Eleven o' clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Lord Jesus, you have ascended into heaven to be a mediator in the presence of your father. May our prayers reach your ears and our hearts be open to your response. Guide us in this hour of worship to glimpse your victory. Amen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION FOR THE PENTECOST OFFERING

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 63

One: The Lord is our God, and our souls thirst for his presence.

All: Our flesh faints for the Lord, as in a dry and weary land.

One: The steadfast love of the Lord is better than life. In God our soul is satisfied, as with a rich feast.

All: So let us bless the Lord as long as we live. Let us lift up our hands and call upon his name. Praise the Lord, all people! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 246 Christ is Alive

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we trust that you are eternal, present yesterday, today and tomorrow. We believe that your Word is a lamp for our feet, guiding us through dangerous paths. But time marches on faster than we do, Lord. We fall behind. We cannot always

decide what you are trying to tell us, how we should live in your image, how to speak a constant word in an ever-spinning world. And so we make mistakes. We wander off toward dead ends. We leap ahead when we should remain steady or we trust in the past when we should trust in you. Have mercy upon us. Send your Spirit, your advocate, your guide. Help us speak a timely word on your behalf. Please also hear these personal sins we now confess....

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 FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1: 6 -11 Pg. 118

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Lord of the Dance

arr. Carter

THE GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-26 Pg. 108

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Spirit of Truth"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (unison)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in us. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another, and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. In spite of our sin, the Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all people.

From The Confession of 1967

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!
(Verse 3)

**Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

POSTLUDE

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is John Clark.

Next Week: June 4 is Pentecost Sunday and Communion. Pentecost celebrates the birth of the church in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus's Ascension. To symbolize the fire of the Spirit, please wear an article of red clothing. You also will receive a red ribbon stole to wear around your neck as a symbol of being yoked to the Lord through the Spirit. We also will honor our high school seniors, who will be present in their graduation gowns.

**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 family members who were all educators and now have joined the Church Triumphant given by Kathy Wright and her children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26 OFFICE CLOSED

May 29

Memorial Day Office and Day Care Closed

June 4

9:45 Senior Breakfast

4:00 pm Training For Summer Meal Program Volunteers

4:30 pm Deacons

June 6

7:00 pm BEG

June 7

5:30 pm WMA

June 13

5:00 pm CNE & VBS Prep. Meeting

June 14

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

June 15

5:30 pm Childcare

June 19

7:00 pm Session

June 20

Theology On Tap - McDuff's

JUNE SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Betsy Massey, Co-chair, Chris Carmichael, Anne Miller, Sarah Williams, Ellen Harling, Carolyn Thompson

JUNE USHER TEAM #1

Richard Mabry-Lead, Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell, David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill, Richard Massey, John McRae, Maggie Ratcliffe, Scott Sellers, Andy Womble

NOTES AND THANKS

All music used in Church Services that are not in The Glory To God Hymnal are protected by Church Copyright License, CCLI # 11496004.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Please keep Fred and Richard Mabry Family in prayer they lost their sister Estelle unexpectedly early May 21, 2017 at her home in Chapel Hill. Memorial services for Estelle will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 11 am at the Walker Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

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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