

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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

May 7, 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 Joyful Rhythm McChesney
 Youth Handbell Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Father has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?

All: To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

One: Jesus says: Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me.

All: The Spirit says: Come. Let each one who hears the Spirit come, for all are welcome here.

One: Let us worship God.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN How Great is Our God**

The splendor of our King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Refrain: How great is our God, sing with me!

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son

The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb.

Refrain

Name above all names, you are worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing how great is our God.

Refrain

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and on earth, and to reconcile all people to one another and to You. We confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us. We confess that we have not always been just, merciful, or hospitable. We confess that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Reveal to us those places where pride and selfishness rebuild the walls once torn down in Christ; through the power of Your Spirit. 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

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: Jeremiah 1:4-8 Pg. 698

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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 Youth

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: : I Corinthians 2:1-5 Pg. 166

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Statements of Faith by Confirmation Class"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.... In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1996

*HYMN 314 **Christ, Be Our Light**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader 1: Because you made the world, and intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children;

Leader 2: Because, when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; So, gracious God, we gladly say:

All: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Truth is stronger than lies.

Leader 1: Because you have promised to hear us, and are willing to change us, and are willing to make our hearts your home,

Leader 2: We ask you to confront, control, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best. Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

All: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Truth is stronger than lies.

Leader 1: Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new.

Leader 2: In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

All: 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 In the Arms of An Angel MacLachlan
Ana Huesa, soloist, and Bailey Sloop, piano

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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 (unison)

O God, as we receive your gifts freely, we offer our gifts in gratitude. We dedicate these gifts to the work of our congregation: serving human wholeness, caring for our planet, welcoming the stranger, and loving one another. Amen.

*HYMN 319 **Shout to the North**

Verse 1: Men Only; Verse 2: Women Only; Refrains and Verse 3: All

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION 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 Jerusalem, My Happy Home Moglebust
Youth Handbell Ensemble

John Alec Caudill, Daniel Caudill, and Bailey Sloop, percussion
Jane McLaurin, flute

**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 Estelle and Julian Butler, Margaret and Irvin Montgomery, Sam T. and Mildred B. Snowdon given by the Butler and Snowdon family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

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 WMA

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

May 11

5:30 pm Childcare

May 14

4:30 Confirmation Class

May 15

6:00 pm PW Birthday Dinner

7:00 pm Session

May 16

5:00 pm CNE

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

Shout out to the Fellowship Committee, and everyone who helped make the Fellowship Dinner a success. Thanks for everything you do. Thanks to Hal Jernigan for his Congo Presentation.

We thank our youth for leading us in worship today!

Confirmation Class: Claire Carmichael, Kate McDavid, Matthew Patterson, Creed Sellers, Cooper Sutherland

Lay Readers: Ryan Phillips, Caroline Bounds, Jackson Purcell, Ana Huesa, Alexis Patterson, Jennings Dean, Cross Sellers, McKenna Sutherland, Cooper Sutherland, Gus Purcell, Negi Babor

Handbell Ensemble: Claire Carmichael, Katie Carmichael, Jennings Dean, Anna Ferguson, Willow Holman, Ana Huesa, Alexis Patterson, Sam Poage, Gus Purcell, Jackson Purcell, McKenna Sutherland, Grace Wilkinson

Ushers: Andrew Oswald, Matt Sellers, Tyler Parks Sellers, Tripp Wells

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester Sarah Bullock, Millie Peele, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons Elizabeth McIntosh

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

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