

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

June 25, 2017

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

June 25, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Lord God, whether we travel far away to summer camps and vacations or enjoy the familiarity of our homes, you can reach us. For you are at all times and places, eternal and trustworthy. Be here also today, as we gather in worship, and reveal yourself to us in our praise. 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

CALL TO WORSHIP – From Psalm 130

One: From out of the depths we cry to the Lord. O Lord, hear our voice. Give heed to the voice of our prayers.

All: We wait for the Lord. Our souls wait, and in God's word we hope.

One: Our souls watch for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

All: O people of God, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord is steadfast love; with God is great power to redeem. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 386 Come, Worship God

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You'd think we would learn, Lord, right? Shouldn't the lessons of history have taught us that your wisdom is greater than our grand schemes? When our greed leads to economic crisis, our violence to death, and our dishonesty to broken relationships, surely a clever people should see that your ways are better than our ways. But our mistakes don't seem to matter enough to make us change. We go on as before, unwilling to humble ourselves and abide by your wisdom. Forgive us, Lord. Correct us through your discipline, guide us with your proverbs, inspire us with your songs and stand by us on our journeys. Please now hear our silent confessions...

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 Gloria Patri 581

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 FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Pg. 616

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem How Can I Keep From Singing?, arr. Littleton

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 95 Pg. 550

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Bible in a Wide-Angle Lens #3
Wisdom Literature: Poetry, Praise, Proverbs, Protest"

*HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer.... In worship, adoration of God is acknowledgement of the creator by creation. Confession of sin is admission of guilt before God and of our need for forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in

God's goodness, and giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of his goodness....The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help us look beyond ourselves to God, and to the world which is the object of God's love. From The Confession of 1967

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)

Wondrous Lord, may these gifts which we gladly offer be a means of serving your will. We proclaim our trust in you through these visible signs. Receive them as you have already received us into your presence. Amen

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 443 (verse1) There is a Redeemer

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One,
Thank you, O my father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit, till the work on Earth is done.**

POSTLUDE

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is David Herr

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.

The flowers today given to the glory of God by Louise Wester.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, June 25

9:45 am Book Discussion on Toxic Charity

Deadline for The Messenger

Tuesday, June 27, 7 pm - Readers' Forum Discussion of Toxic Charity

Vacation- Office will be closed June 30th, July 3rd & 4th

Vacation- Childcare will be closed July 3 - 5

July Sanctuary Committee

*Mary Hambright, Co-chair, Leslie Sellers, Mary Margaret Miller, Debra Sutherland, Maggie Ratcliffe

July Usher Team #2

Brian Bounds, Leader, David Bounds, Eddie Carmichael, Jim Mason, Boyd McLaurin, Randy Miller, Kevin Patterson, Bill Purcell II, Chip Wells, Charles Bound, Bob Dyer, John Decembrino

NOTES AND THANKS

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Vacation Bible School Registration: Please help us prepare for Vacation Bible School by pre-registering your children and grandkids, and by encouraging friends and neighbors to register as well! Paper registration forms are available outside the office. Or register online! You can find a link to register and/or volunteer on the church homepage (<http://laurinburgpres.com/>), or you can go directly to our registration site at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/laurinburgpres2017>.

Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed: Help us provide a great VBS experience by donating or lending supplies! Supply donation & loan

request cards are available on the bulletin board across from the office. We also need empty cardboard boxes (including shoeboxes), empty & clean metal cans of various sizes, and empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Donated supplies should be placed in the Fun Adults classroom; if you are lending items, please leave them in the Christian Ed office with a label that contains your name and phone number.

Help decorate for VBS! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-6 pm, and then Friday from 9 am-6 pm.

Summer Feeding Program

June 12 - July 31- Monday - Thursday - 11:30 a.m.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Richard Massey and George Shannon in Scotland Memorial.

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons, Ann Goodman

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, Louise Koonce

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THE BIBLE IN A WIDE-ANGLE LENS

A Short Bible Quiz - #3 – Wisdom Literature of the O.T

Test your Bible knowledge! Use this exercise and those that follow to remind you of the continuing need to learn about scripture. You may hear the answer to some of the questions in the sermons. For some answers, you may need to do a little searching.

1. What other books of the Bible are very similar to I and II Chronicles?
2. Job, in his distress, is “comforted” by some friends. How many came to sit with him? (Job, chapter 2 and 32)
3. What is the name given to the “heavenly being” who brings so much trouble to Job? (chapters 1 and 2)
4. In the book of Psalms there are numerous “psalms of ascent”. To what city are the pilgrims headed as they sing these, and why is that term appropriate? (Ps. 120-134)
5. The longest psalm in the book has 22 stanzas, one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Which one is it? What is this psalm about?
6. In Proverbs, Wisdom is often personified as a _____ searching city streets for conscientious people. (Proverbs 1, 7, 8, 9...)
7. The old Aesop’s fable of the busy ant and the lazy grasshopper has its foundation in the book of Proverbs. Which animal is mentioned in Proverbs 6, and which one is included in Aesop only?
8. A 1960’s rock band called the Byrds sang “Turn, Turn, Turn”. Which chapter of Ecclesiastes is the song based on?
9. One particular key word keeps recurring throughout the book of Ecclesiastes. What does the writer of the book label everything in life after he tests life to see if it is any good?
10. The Song of Solomon (also called Canticles or the Song of Songs) appears to be a love poem. In what season of the year is it set? (Ch. 2)

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