

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

July 16, 2017

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

July 16, 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 63

One: You, O God, are my God, and I seek you. My soul thirsts for you.

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

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life; my lips will praise you.

All: In God our soul is satisfied, as with a rich feast. So let us bless the Lord as long as we live. Let us lift up our hands and call upon his name. Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the very beginning, Lord, the church has needed your instruction. The first Christians were uncertain what to believe. They argued with one another; they struggled to help those who needed help. And we are no better today. We split into competing denominations. We can't agree on social policies. We sway back and forth on fickle winds. Have mercy on us, Lord. As you sent apostles to encourage and correct the ancient church, send leaders to us today. Strengthen your church that it may truly represent the body of Christ your Son. Please now accept our prayers of repentance....

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: Acts 10:34-38 Pg. 129

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Katie and Claire Carmichael

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 2:15-21 Pg. 188

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Bible in a Wide-Angle Lens #6:
Letters to the Churches"

*HYMN 482 Baptized in Water

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sentences of Scripture

Questions to the Parents and the Congregation

The Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (**unison**)

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism of Molly Carmichael – Rev. Henrietta Carmichael

Presentation to the Congregation

A Prayer for the Newly Baptized

The Congregational Welcome (**unison**)

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Molly, into Christ's church, to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

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 839 Blessed Assurance

*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 Danny Caddell

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 M. Lindsey Thomas by the family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16 - 22

Youth Camp at Montreat

July 18

6:30 pm Theology On Tap, McDuff's

July 20-26

Dr. Duane Hix on vacation

July 25

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

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

Our Ministry Information Form has been posted to the Church Leadership Connection and the PNC is reviewing candidates. If you know of someone who would like to make a self referral please have them send their information to us soon. Correspondence and materials can be sent to the committee chair, David Herr: herrdf@gmail.com

THE BIBLE IN A WIDE-ANGLE LENS

A Short Bible Quiz - #6 – Letters to the Churches

Test your Bible knowledge! Use this exercise 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. The birthday of the Christian Church is often regarded as what former Jewish holiday? (Acts 2)
2. A very important church council met to determine the right relationship between Jews and Gentiles in Christianity. What city “hosted” this first church council? (Acts 15)
3. Paul met with stiff resistance in the city of Ephesus. A riot erupted, and he was forced to leave. What goddess did the Ephesians worship? (Acts 19)
4. In what city did Paul stand on Mars Hill and talk about an “unknown god”? (Acts 17)
5. In Romans 4, Paul argues with Jews that having _____ as their ancestor is not enough for salvation.
6. What was the problem at Corinth that caused Paul to offer instructions about how to conduct the Lord’s Supper? (I Corinthians 11)
7. Who was Paul’s companion that also sent the Philippians and Colossians the letters that are now in the Bible? _____ (Phil. 1 and Col.1)
8. In 1st Peter, ch. 2, he talks about Christ as a “living stone”, a cornerstone. What Psalm does Peter quote to support this image?
9. James’ most famous phrase (in many translations) is “Faith, by itself, if it has no _____, is dead”. (James 2:17)
10. On what island was John imprisoned when he wrote the book we call Revelation? (Rev. 1:9)

Anyone interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary please call Beverly Bowling at 610-7456 to check on available dates.

Red Cross / LPC Blood Drive: The Deacons have re-instated the LPC blood drive. The Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Hall on July 25, from 12:30 to 5:00. If you are able to donate, please go to **redcross-blood.org** and click on “donating blood” to sign up for an appointment. Thank You!

Bill Loftus

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Sammy Simmons, Ann Goodman, Betsy Gordon, Bill Peele

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson, Louise Wester, Ann Hill, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Klare Van Dusen, John and Helen Baker

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Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce, Flo Johnson, Elizabeth MacIntosh, Marjorie Coughenour, Millie Peele, Marion McNair

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