

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

July 30, 2017

17th 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 30, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

In the midst of our busy world, Lord, we pause in this sacred place to watch and listen for you. Send your Spirit among us. Quiet our souls, illumine our mind, and steady our resolve, that we may hear your Word and do your will when we leave this place. 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

One: Come, let us set at this table a place for love, and gather in this moment all our broken past.

All: Come, let us witness in this place the story of grace, and taste in this food the echoes of heaven.

One: Come, let us break in this bread the body of Christ, and sip from this cup the source of salvation.

All: Come, let us share in this hour the banquet of God, and cherish in each other the image of the creator. Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 401 Here In This Place

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God above us, God among us: You have planted the seed of your gospel into the midst of our lives. It grows silently, calling us to faithful obedience, sparking our conscience, promising resolution of our problems. But we ignore your word far too often. We cannot hear its silent call because our days are so busy and the demands of the world are so loud. Forgive our neglect of this great gift. Help us watch for your kingdom and nurture it toward full, visible presence. Please now receive also these personal prayers of confession....

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

(On communion Sundays we invite children to remain with their parents in worship rather than going to Sunday school. Parents of young children may take them to the nursery as needed.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:31-33 Pg. 15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM/SPECIAL MUSIC: Come, Share the Lord Leech

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:44-53 Pg. 15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Kingdom of God is Like..."

*HYMN 373 O Day of Peace

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The

kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

From The Confession of 1967

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)

Your Spirit, Lord, showers gifts down upon us daily. In this prayer of dedication we pause to thank you. Please accept our grateful hearts as a sacrifice of praise, and guide us to use rightly these gifts we now place before you. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

An invitation in Song – Hymn 507, v. 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.**

CALL TO THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Communion today is by distribution of the elements. Our bread is gluten free. Worshippers may eat the bread as they receive it, but please hold the cup until all have been served.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the marriage feast of the Lamb. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 525 Let Us Break Bread Together

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Roland Stout

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 are given today as a memorial to Bob Dye from the family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1

7:00 pm BEG

August 6

4:30 pm Deacon

August 8

5:00 pm CNE

August 9

5:30 pm WMA

August 13

Youth Sunday

August 15

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

August 16

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

August 17

6:30 pm Childcare

August 20

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 21

7:00 pm Session

August 23

5:00 pm Fellowship

August Sanctuary Committee

*Lucy Sojka, Co-chair, Pam Hill, Sis. Thomas, Beverly Bowling, Frances Jernigan, Dawn Sellers

August Usher Team #3

Hal Jernigan, Leader, Gus Purcell Jr, Jackson Purcell, Bill Loftus, Allen McLaurin, John McLaurin, Penny McLaurin, Gus Purcell, Gray Sellers, Anne Sprouse, Jimmy Stubbs, Philip Wilkinson, Clint Willis, Charles Bounds, Phil Eshleman

NOTES AND THANKS

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I would like to thank the workers of the Fellowship Committee for coordinating and putting on a great pool party. A good time was had by all, in spite of the heat.

Martha Olmstead

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers

Joel McCanna, Betsy Gordon

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

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