

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

July 9, 2017

14th 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 9, 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 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee, arr. Vernon Taranto, Jr., Emily Braun, violin, Larry Arnold, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God: listen for the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight his paths!**

One: The time is fulfilled. Behold, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: The Lord is in our midst, Emmanuel. Let us worship God for this, the greatest of his gifts. Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord of joy, your gospel messengers proclaim the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. But we do not receive it as good news. We run from its promise because we are unwilling to accept its judgment. We deny its power, unwilling to surrender control. Your good news means too much change, Lord. It means becoming your servants instead of our own masters. Forgive us for these bad choices. Redeem us in our brokenness, despite our inclinations. Send your good news again and again until we hear. 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: Luke 1:1-4 Pg. 34

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: Gus Purcell

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20: 24-31 Pg. 115

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE "The Bible in a Wide-Angle Lens #5:  
The Gospels, Parallels and Particulars"

\*HYMN 462 I Love to Tell the Story

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

**Although our ancestors in the Old Testament had the Gospel in the writings of the prophets, yet the Gospel is properly called the glad and joyous news that God now has performed in Jesus Christ what he promised from the beginning of the world. God has given us his only Son, and in him reconciliation with the Father, forgiveness of sins, and full, everlasting life. Therefore, the history written by the four evangelists of the Bible, explaining how these things were done or fulfilled by Christ, and what things Christ taught and did, and that those who believe in him have abundant life... this is rightly called the Gospel.** From The Second Helvetic Confession, 1566

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 Let Us Love One Another, Arnold B. Sherman,  
Nancy Arnold, voice

\*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 384 Soon and Very Soon

\*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 Be Thou My Vision, arr. John Carter

**The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Bill Loftus**

*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 Sarah Pate Townsend by Dolly and  
Richard Brown.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 10-14

**Vacation Bible School**

July 11

6:00 pm Parent's meeting for Montreat

July 12

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Pool Party

July 13 - Rain Day For Pool Party

July 16 - 22

**Youth Camp at Montreat**

**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  
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**VBS Maker Fun Factory: Help Stock Our Factory!**

Many thanks to everyone who has brought us boxes, tubes, cans, and  
the snack and craft supplies we requested. Our supply of cardboard  
materials is looking pretty good but we are short on some key snack  
foods and craft items. If you're going to Walmart, Food Lion, or your  
other preferred stores over the next week, please consider picking up  
and bringing us one of the following essentials: 82-oz can of Country-  
time Lemonade Mix; 30-oz box of Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers;  
35-oz container of Utz Cheese Puffs; 12-packs of glue sticks; dou-  
ble-stick scotch tape; duct tape.

We also need help preparing materials for our youngest participants  
in the craft area. Their scissor skills aren't quite developed yet, so they  
have more fun in arts & crafts if their project pieces are pre-cut and  
ready to decorate. No real artistic skill necessary for this--just show up  
ready to trace and cut some simple shapes! If you have a pair of scis-  
sors you especially like, bring them along. Someone will be here all day  
on Friday, June 30; Thursday, July 6; and Friday, July 7. Join us in the  
Fellowship Hall for some decorating and crafting fun. Thanks for your  
help!

**Summer Fellowship Dinner - Pool Party at Scotch Meadows Pool**

Join church members and VBS children for a pool party and dinner on  
Wednesday. The Scotch Meadows pool will be open after 6 for swim-  
ming before dinner. Dinner is at 7, with pizza, salad and fixin's, and des-

sert, plus drinks. Swimming after dinner also. Welcome one and all!

**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](mailto:herrdf@gmail.com)

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

**Summer Feeding Program**  
**June 12 - July 31- Monday - Thursday - 11:30 a.m.**

**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](http://redcross-blood.org) and click on "donating blood" to sign up for an appointment. Thank You! Bill Loftus

**We would like to give Special Thanks to the Arnold Family for sharing their musical gifts with us.**

*Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers*

Joel McCanna, Fred Fox-Moore County Hospital, Bob Dye, Betsy Gordon

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

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

**Scotia Special Care:** Frances Haupt, Ann Hill, Margaret Caudill

**Scotia Assisted:** Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce

**At Scottish Pines:** Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan, Bob Dye

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**THE BIBLE IN A WIDE-ANGLE LENS**  
**A Short Bible Quiz - #5, the Gospels**

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. The word "gospel" just means "good \_\_\_\_\_".
2. Which two of the four gospel writers include stories of the nativity of Jesus?
3. All four of the gospels include an account of which miracle that Jesus and his disciples performed?
4. Scholars disagree about where the last chapter in Mark's gospel should end. Does the Bible that you use stop at verse 8, verse 20, or add a verse after 8 in chapter 16?
5. The Beatitudes are included in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. Where is Jesus in Luke's gospel when he pronounces the Beatitudes? (Luke 6:17f.)
6. The first three gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are more similar to one another than they are to John. They "see things together" more, as some put it. Therefore, they are called the \_\_\_\_\_ gospels.
7. The first 18 verses of John's gospel talk about Jesus in "philosophical" terms as the Word. What are these verses together called?
8. How many angels were present at the resurrection in Matthew's account? \_\_\_\_\_ How many were there in Luke's account? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which gospel includes a series of "I am" statements by Jesus? (e.g. "the bread of life", "the living water", "the gate", etc.)
10. In John's gospel, at the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus does one particular thing for them that the other gospels do not record. What is it?

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