

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

August 20, 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Blessing of the Backpacks/New Members**

**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

August 20, 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 Lord of the Dance Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 8

One: O Lord, sovereign God, wondrous is your name o'er all the earth!

**All: When we look at the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and stars you established,**

One: What are we human beings, that you are mindful of us, that you care for us?

**All: Yet you have made us but a little lower than the angels, crowning us with glory and honor. So let us praise the Lord, our sovereign God! Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 157 Lord of the Dance

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wisdom and comfort, God of eternal plans and unexpected freedom: we are your people, and we claim to trust you. We recite solemn oaths of allegiance to you, and pray fervently that we will follow your will. But you know that our good intentions wither in the heat of the day. We claim to believe in you, but really we believe in our own strength. We talk of your providence, but really it is human progress in which we trust. Have mercy on us, Lord. Do not let us fool ourselves with false promises and vain hopes. Help us see your divine hand at work bringing good out of evil, leading**

**us toward our true home in you. Please now hear also 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 - for all children

*(Blessing of the Backpacks - All children are invited to come forward along with backpacks and school supplies)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 133 Pg. 575

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM/SPECIAL MUSIC: Peace, Be Not Anxious Bringle

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 45:1-15 Pg. 43

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE " God Sent Me Before You"

\*HYMN 250 In the Bulb There is a Flower

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**The Reception of New Members**

Presentation of Candidates for Membership – Matthew and Emily Purcell

Profession of Faith

Questions to the Candidates

\*Affirmation of Faith- **The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

A Prayer of Reception

**Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into this body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever, and in whose name we now pray these words he taught us: 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**

Welcome into the Congregation

Please welcome into the congregation today new members Matthew and Emily Purcell and their son Thomas. They reside at 12800 N. Pine Villa Drive in Laurinburg. Matthew works at Carmichael Farms with William and Bill; Emily is a nurse anesthetist at Scotland Memorial Hospital. They come to us today by transfer of membership from Little River Presbyterian Church in Hillsborough, NC.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY For the Beauty of the Earth

Kocher

\*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)

**Gracious God, we give out of the abundance of our blessings which you have made possible. We offer these gifts, in hopes that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many others. In the name of the One who welcomes all who would come to him, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 314

Christ, Be Our Light

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 543, vv. 1&4 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

**God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me:**

**O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me;**

**Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways:**

**O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me;**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C,

Bach

**The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Edna Ann 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 Virginia Mason Sanders, Ralph Dame Sanders, Marie Cornelius Mason, Kathryn James Mason, Ann Marie Mason, and Ann Groves McNeill by their family and friend.

## PEACE, BE NOT ANXIOUS

Mary Louise Bringle, alt.

Lori True

### Refrain

Peace now I give to you. My peace I pour through you.  
Not as the world gives, but ev - er more sure.  
Past all un - der - stand - ing, this gra - cious com - mand - ing:  
peace, be not anx - ious, God holds you se - cure.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### TODAY

**Blessing of the Backpacks/New Members**

**August 21**

**7:00 pm Session**

**August 23**

**5:00 pm Fellowship**

**August 27**

**9:45 a.m Discussion of The Great Emergence**

**August 29**

**7:00 pm Discussion of The Great Emergence**

**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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*Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers*

Joel McCanna, Betsy Gordon, Carol Lee, Bill Goodwin, Mike McKeithan

**Continuing Concerns:** Lucile Bridgeman, Louise Wester, Fred Fox,  
Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons, Elizabeth McIntosh, George Shannon

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

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**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!!!!!!**

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!!!!!**



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Mike Coughenour  
Debby Holcomb  
Edna Ann Loftus  
Richard Massey  
Larry Schulz  
Clint Willis

**Class of 2018**

Kristen Anderson  
Scott Miller  
Martha Olmstead  
Robin Snead  
Janet Smith  
Nick Sojka  
Susan Wentz

**Class of 2019**

Danny Caddell  
John Clark  
David Herr  
Deborah Hobbs  
Richard Mabry  
Annette Morgan  
Kevin Patterson

**THE DEACONS: Moderator: Bill Loftus**

**Class of 2017**

Miriam Bounds  
Chris Carmichael  
Stuart Carmichael  
Bill Loftus  
Chris Rhue  
Ellen Thompson

**Class of 2018**

Barbara Bateman  
Beverly Bowling  
David Carmichael  
Dan Sprouse  
Debra Sutherland  
Bob Dyer

**Class of 2019**

Jacque Britt  
Lynn Davis  
Kirsten Dean  
John Gulledge  
Susan Hartwell  
Bette Sellers

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