

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

August 6, 2017

18th 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

August 6, 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 Dona Nobis Pacem Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP From Matthew 11

Leader: Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

People: and I will give you rest"

Leader: God calls us to bring rest and peace to those in need.

People: We will seek to dispense God's grace with our welcoming spirit.

All: Let us welcome God into our hearts and into this service of worship.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 744 Arise Your Light Is Come

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION God of Acceptance and Openness, in your great love, we have been welcomed into the community of faith. By your mercy, we have been granted the cup of salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet, O God, we find ourselves hesitating to offer that same kind of welcome to all people. We like to pick and choose those persons that we**

want to help. Yes God, we have not made a place for those who are not like us. Forgive us for wanting a second cup of cold water when there are those who have no water. We seek your pardon in the name of him who offered Living Water to all who would drink, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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: Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 Pg. 167

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM/SPECIAL MUSIC: For Everyone Born by Brian Mann

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9: 33-37 Pg. 45

Matthew 10: 40-42 Pg. 11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "The Importance of Welcoming"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the ChurchIn a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. (From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1966)

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 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Powell

*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.

*HYMN 832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*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 "And they'll know we are Christians" Callahan

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Larry Schulz

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 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha McNair Tornow by her family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6

4:30 pm Deacons

August 8

5:00 pm CNE

August 9

5:30 pm WMA

August 13

Montreat 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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We thank Rev. Jim Bumgardner for preaching today.

Rev. James H. Bumgardner has been (somewhat) retired for nine years after serving four churches in the PCUSA, the most recent being Faith Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Gay, a member of our congregation and a retired Scotland County educator, reside in Laurinburg. They are the parents of two grown children, and have five grandchildren. Jim is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Scotland Family Counseling Center and a Volunteer Chaplain of Scotland Memorial Hospital. He received the Governor's award for Volunteer of the Year in the Faith Category for Scotland County in 2014.

ATTENTION SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS. If you volunteered even for a day, with the summer feeding program you are cordially invited to an Appreciation Dinner, August 17, 2017 - Thursday at 6:30 pm held in the Fellowship Hall of The First United Methodist Church, Laurinburg NC. Reservations are required. Please call the office at 276-0831, ext. 301.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers

Joel McCanna, Betsy Gordon, Carol Lee,

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