

This is Our Story

**Montreat Sunday
August 9, 2015**



Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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Founded 1859

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 9, 2015

Eleven o'clock

*God of faithfulness, grant that the Word you speak this day ignites a fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds so we might share our stories of Your grace and love with the world.
Amen.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please print your name the Friendship Pad.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Beautiful Things* Gungor

PROCESSIONAL *Multiplied* Need to Breathe

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: In caring and compassion, God's arms hold us when we are weak.

All: With ideas and inspiration, God pushes us to grow and thrive.

One: With divine generosity, God shares all creation with us.

All: God calls us as partners to build a world of joy and hope.

One: Let us join our hearts, hands and voices with people the world over in praise, thanksgiving, and commitment to our one, wondrous God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Prince of Peace* Michael W. Smith

MEN:

**You are holy
You are mighty**

WOMEN: echo men's lines

**You are holy
You are mighty**

**You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love you
All of my days**

**You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love you
All of my days**

Men and Women, sing the following at the same time

Men:

**I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
I will love and
Adore You
And I will bow down
Before You
I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
I will love and
Adore You
And I will bow down
Before You**

Women:

**You're the Lord of Lords
You're the King of Kings
You are Mighty God
Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel
You're the Great I Am
You're my Prince of Peace
Who is the Lamb
You're my living God
You're my saving grace
You will reign forever
You are ancient of days
You are Alpha Omega
Beginning and End
You're my Savior, Messiah
Redeemer and Friend**

ALL:

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

One: It is easy in the midst of difficulty and pain to think we are alone, and that we have to fix situations ourselves. Let us confess together our sins, assured that we are not alone.

All: O Lord, you know what it's like to be us. You became human like us, and you know the joys of companionship and the sorrow of loneliness. And yet, still too often we think we are alone in our struggles. We think there's no one to depend on. We think there's no one who sympathizes with our weakness. Forgive us when we do not turn to you, and remind us that nothing can separate us from you.

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Friends, we are people of Christ's good news. So let's share it. Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ saying... "The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you" and respond "and also with you."

Let us now share the peace with one another.

As the next song begins, we invite the children to please come forward for the Children's sermon.

*RESPONSE SONG *Peace*

**Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.**

**Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.**

**Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.**

**Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.**

Alleluia.

**Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

for all children

Children please meet teachers at the door to go to Sunday School.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Glorious Story*

Burchfield/Wells

**I don't know what you've been through
And I've got my rough chapters too
But we are bound by the same thread
Who poured the wine and broke the bread
We are all daughters and sons
Called by the Holy One**

Chorus:

**This is our story, and Lord we know
You made us and claimed us your own
We're a mess, but we'll be alright
In this glorious story you write**

**The author of this mountainside
Gave us all the breath of life
And even though we are so small
God chooses us to stand up tall
And when we can't turn the page
We turn to God for our strength**

Chorus (repeat last line x1)

Oh Oh Oh Oh (x2)

**Author of creation, You make oceans roar
You make mountains tremble, You are the story
Author of salvation, You have washed us clean
With a new beginning, You are the story
And when we can't turn the page
We turn to God for our strength**

Chorus (x2; last time through chorus, repeat the last line x1)

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS from *This is Our Story*
Montreat Youth Conference 2015

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A New Creed from the United Church
of Canada-often used at the Montreat Youth Conferences)*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the
Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in
us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called
to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with
respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice
and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our
judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Myrin/Redman

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul**

**I'll worship Your Holy name
The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning**

**It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name**

**You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord**

**And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name**

**I'll worship Your Holy name
Jesus I will worship Your Holy name**

**Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION HYMN 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 (unison)

**Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative
hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeat-
able gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so
we who are the gifts of creation now give gifts to our Creator.
Gifts brought in love.**

*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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE for Youth Advisors and All Youth

During the following song all past Montreat participants are invited to join this year's participants at the front of the stage.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Trees of the Field*

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy. (Repeat x3)**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**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. If you would like to speak with Neal Carter or receive information about the life of

this faith community, please indicate that on the Friendship Pad or call the church 276-0831, ext. 302.

Childcare is provided for infants through 3 years of age in our nursery with parent volunteers as care-givers. Worshipers are encouraged to take advantage of childcare during worship.

Our Montreat 2015 Youth Conference participants were:
Trey Armstrong, Negi Babor, Jonathan Bowling, Alex Bryant, John Alec Caudill, Leslie Coughenour, Kaly Freeman, Will Freeman, Kenslee Hecht, Kristin Lanier, Sam LaVigne, Maggie Liles, Anthony McCoy, Donovan O'Donnell, Madison O'Donnell, Stone Phillips, Sam Poage, Gus Purcell, George Rembert, Cristian Rivera, José Rivera, Erin Salzlein, Haley Sellers, Tyler Parks Sellers, Amy Sloop, Bailey Sloop, Tripp Wells, McKenzie White, Bradley Williams

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Martha Tornow by her family.

Join us for Lemonade in the fellowship hall following worship today.

Tuesday, August 11 7-9 pm Pool Party at Scotch Meadows
Pizza, drinks and dessert will be served. The rain date is Wednesday, August 12. In case of a summer storm, please check your email about 5 pm in case we have to reschedule or cancel. Please note from Finance Committee: Only those members who do not have emails will be contacted by phone using the One Call Now system.

Tuesday, August 11 7pm BEG Committee

Monday, August 17 7 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 18 5:30 pm Membership/Stewardship Committee; 5:30 pm Childcare Advisory Committee

On Saturday, August 29, CNE will conduct **required training** for all youth advisors, Sunday school teachers and staff starting at

9 am. This session will include CPR, First Aid, Safe Sanctuary and Sexual Misconduct training as required by our insurance. Please put this on your calendar now as we prepare for the fall.

Blessing of the backpacks is set for **Sunday, August 30**. As part of our mission to the children at North Laurinburg Elementary School, backpacks and school supplies are now being collected in the church office. If you'd like to make a donation instead of purchasing and packing a backpack, the Deacons will be glad to help you. Just drop off or mail your check to LPC marked backpacks by Thursday, August 27 to give them time to shop for you and have these backpacks ready to be blessed during worship on Sunday, August 30.

Cubs Scouts/Boy Scouts: Any boys 1st grade and older interested in Scouting please contact Jonathan McRae 910-610-7295 or email mcr.jonathan@gmail.com

WITH PRAYERS WE REMEMBER THESE—

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Hugh McArn in his death, and to Ramona Wright in the death of her niece and sister-in-law. Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Michael Fore, Ray McCormick, Ralph Parker, Frances Shannon, Creed Sellers; In Care Facilities at Scotia: Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Edna McKeithen; Special Care: Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Reba Essey, Frances Haupt; Assisted: Betty Wayne Cooley, Ervin & Ann Hill, Helen Middleton, Adell Page; At Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan, Joyce Stutts; At Prestwick: Lois Muse

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018 are needed. Please mail or drop off your nominations to the church office and note for chair Craig Ellis by August 16.

The 2015 Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon. They are Elder Craig Ellis (chair); Elder Lynn Mason (chair-elect); Pat Hix, Deacon; Lillian Boger, PW; Caroline Bounds, youth and At large members: David Herr, Carol Sellers, Lucy Sojka.

The Session

Moderator: Neal Carter

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Jacque Britt
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Bill Purcell, II

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Julian Butler
David Harling
Bill Hill
Fred Mabry
Lynn Mason
Maggie Ratcliffe

Class of 2017

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

The Deaconate

Moderator: Amy Sloop

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Pat Hix
Randy Miller
Amy Sloop
Kevin Patterson
Jamie Synan

Class of 2016

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Kim Liles
Richard Mabry
Kaye McMillan
Don Ohl
Jimmy Stubbs

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Chris Carmichael
Stuart Carmichael
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Chris Rhue
Ellen Thompson

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