

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

September 17, 2017

24th 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

September 17, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Holy Spirit of God: we know that actions speak louder than words. But if words mislead, and learning falters, actions will only reflect falsity rather than truth. Guide us through education, mission, and worship to offer ourselves in your service. 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     Amazing Grace     M. McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP     From Psalm 89

One: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever; let us proclaim the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.

**All: For God's steadfast love is established forever, with faithfulness as firm as the heavens.**

One: The Lord made a covenant with his chosen one, with his servant David and his descendants forever.

**All: So let the heavens praise God's wonder, and sing of his faithfulness in the assembly of the people. Who on heaven or earth is like the Lord! Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 714     God of the Fertile Fields

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy: you know us better than we know ourselves. You understand our deepest needs, our highest hopes, our**

**most satisfying priorities. But we deny the truth of this. We follow our own pursuits, carve our own paths, and try to work out our own salvation. Thus we are tempted by the powers of this world, swayed by passing fads, building our future on shifting sands. Please forgive us. Show us your lasting truth. Reclaim us from the dead ends and bitter sorrows of our own making, that we may discover our greatest joy in your gracious plan. Please now accept these personal 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

*(Children should meet their teachers at the back of the sanctuary and walk upstairs as a group for Children's Church. Parents, please collect your children from room 207 after worship.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:15-19     Pg. 194

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:     Grace

Hayes

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:1-10 Pg.192

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE " Stories of Renewal: Who Has the Answers? "  
Dr. Duane Hix

\*HYMN 792 There Is a Balm in Gilead

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith- **The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates a new life in Christ. That new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's love.**

From The Confession of 1967

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 Scottish Offertory Goulding

\*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)

**Lord of the Sabbath, Lord of every day: we are glad to offer you these gifts, signs of our gratitude. May this offering, and our lives, reveal the work of your love in the world. Amen**

### WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 319 Shout to the North

\*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 on ITALIAN HYMN Frank

**The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Annette Morgan**

*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 all Presbyterian Women who have joined the church triumphant since All Saints Day; Anne Shuford McBryde, Katherine Hill McKay, Courtney Lewis Carmichael, Jane Graham McKay, Anne McRae Collins, Edna Drake, Clara Montgomery Butler.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

Youth handbells at 5:00.

**Kids' Club (grades 1-3) and Junior Youth (grades 4-5) Kickoff tonight at 5:45 pm** in room 209! We will start with a pizza dinner and then split up for kids' games on the playground and parent meeting upstairs.

2:00-5:00 Caregiving Workshop with Frank Covington.

6:00 pm Session/with dinner

### September 19

6:30 pm Theology on Tap McDuff's

### September 20

6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner ( Please note on pew pad your reservations for the dinner.)

### September 24

Back by popular demand--next week will be "Jazzy Sunday!" All our hymns and musical selections will take on a jazzy flavor with the addition of piano, percussion, bass, and sax.

### September 25

6:00 pm PW Salad Supper Fall Gathering

### **September Sanctuary Committee**

\*Lucy Sojka, Co-chair, Pat Ellis, Charlotte McLean, Sis Thomas

### **September Usher Team #4**

\*Bradley Williams, Lead, John Clark, Mike Coughenour, Joel Hartwell, Barbara Bateman, David Herr, Wayne Hobbs, John Massey, Michael Sellers, Jamie Sutherland, Drew Williamson, Greg Wood

## NOTES AND THANKS

**All music used in Church Services that are not in The Glory To God Hymnal are protected by Church Copyright License, CCLI # 11496004.**

**Ways to respond to two ongoing crises: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already at work helping house victims of Hurricane Harvey along the Texas Coast, and is standing by with funds and hands as the recovery effort begins in Florida. On another front further away, P.D.A. has launched a massive effort to feed and house refugees from the war and famine in South**

**Sudan. If you want to send money to assist either of these causes, consider doing so through this Presbyterian agency, which is on the ground already in these places. You may contribute online at [www.presbyterianmission.org](http://www.presbyterianmission.org), by telephone at 800-872-3283, or by mail to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. The designated account number for Harvey Relief is DR000169, and for South Sudan is DR000042. You may also contribute locally through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to offset money given to the Laurinburg effort that trucked items directly to Houston.**

**Grandchild of Greg Wood and Janet Smith: Virginia Claire Murdock, daughter of Dan and Rebecca Murdock of Richmond, VA. Born September 11, 2017.**

*Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers*

**Continuing Concerns:** Lucile Bridgeman, Sammy Simmons, George Shannon

**In Scotia Skilled:** Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson, Frances Haupt, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Ann Hill, Louise Wester

**Scotia Special Care:** Margaret Caudill

**Scotia Assisted:** Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce, Marion McNair, Marjorie Coughenour, Flo Johnson, Millie Peele, Elizabeth McIntosh

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

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