

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016



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 18, 2016

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

God, you are alpha and omega. In your holiness, you exist beyond time and space. Yet you came to stand beside us, with patient guidance and supportive strength. In times of transition we call on you to lead us where we should go. Be present in our worship and in our service to your creation. 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

Prelude

Timan

CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsive)

From Psalm 8

One: O Lord, sovereign God, wondrous is your name over all the earth!

All: When we look at the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and stars you established, what are we, human beings, that you care for us?

One: Yet you have made us but a little lower than the angels, crowning us with glory and honor.

All: So let us give thanks and praise to you our Lord, our sovereign Lord. Wondrous is your name over all the earth. Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 627

I LOVE YOU, LORD (3 TIMES)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of cloud and fire: through the wilderness you led your people Israel toward the Promised Land. Yet all along the way they grumbled, only remembering the past, never envisioning the future you had in store. Like them, we are afraid of what is ahead. We are not sure your path is clear; we are worried you will not walk with us. We falter when new obstacles block our way. Forgive us, God, and sustain us. Help us be thankful for our heritage, but save us from mere nostalgia. Send your Spirit to give us courage, and your light to guide our way. Please now also accept these personal prayers of confession...

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 552

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON for all children

Children please meet your teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 13: 17 - 22 pg. 60

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Harlan

Congregation join on final verse (hymn 475)

THE MESSAGE – In the Interim: A Congregation's Developmental Tasks

*HYMN 81 Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

(See Insert)

At conclusion of Commissioning Service: Minute for Mission for P.W.

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

Offertory

Timan

*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, source of daily bread and Sabbath rest: you feed us in love and equip us to share in your purpose. Accept these offerings of our grateful spirits. May we and they serve you faithfully. Amen

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 320 The Church Of Christ In Every Age

*BENEDICTION CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 742

**We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Pachelbel

**All who are able may stand.*

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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; Lois Muse, Reba Essey, Edna McKeithen, Nancy Ezell, Hazel Mills Frances Hopkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18

PW Installation of Officers

6:15 pm Senior High Youth Quiz Bowl

This week after our delicious meal, we will head to Scotia Village. We will compete against the residents of Scotia Village in a "Quiz Bowl." Parents are encouraged to come and support the LPC Youth in this event. This is a Fun time!

September 19

7:00 pm Session

September 21

6:00 pm Spaghetti Supper- if you plan on attending, please put how many will be attending beside your name on fellowship pad; and this is by RESERVATION ONLY.

September 25

Senior High Youth

Lake Tillery - Depart: 9:00 am from LPC Church

4:00 pm Hymnfest

September 26

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team

September 28

5:30 pm Fellowship Committee

7:00 pm CNE

REHEARSAL

Parents please keep in mind that we will be having rehearsal on Sundays.

Children's Choir 10-10:30 am

Youth Handbells: 5-5:45 pm

Youth Groups: 5:45-7:30 pm

We Thank The Church Family and Friends for the many delicious meals, calls, visits and flowers. Your love and kindness lifts our hearts and spirits every day.

Love To All

Katherine McKay and Jane McKay

MACS (Maturing Adult Christians) are on the road again on Friday, September 30 to attend the musical, " ANYTHING GOES"

at Temple Theatre in Sanford, N.C. The bus will be leaving at 12:30 pm for a 2:00 pm matinee. They will dine in Pinehurst afterwards. At present, one bus is full. MACS has one bus driver (Jimmy Stubbs), who has been the main driver for over five years. There will be a car going. If you would like to attend, the tickets are \$21.00 (discount price). Please contact Sis Thomas (276-0220) or Betty Jackson (544-9304). We have to call early to hold tickets and money is due to Sis Thomas by September 19.

September Sanctuary Committee

Lucy Sojka, Chair, Pat Ellis, Charlotte McLean , Sis Thomas

September Greeters

Sept. 4 Clint and Carlene Willis

Sept. 11 Brian and Meredith Bounds

Sept. 18 Charles & Miriam Bounds

Sept. 25 Bob and Kirsten Dean

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Margaret Caudill, Ray McCormick, Clark Hanmer, Anne Ramsey Melton, Louise Wester, Katherine McKay, Sarah Bullock, Jake Caudill, Millie Peele Elizabeth McIntosh, Flo Johnson, Jake Coughenour

In Scotia Skilled: Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Klare Van Dusen (Scotia 94 Farmhouse)

Scotia Special Care: Frances Haupt, Ann Hill

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, John and Helen Baker

At Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

Please keep the family of Adell Page and Pam Hill in your prayers. Adell's granddaughter Carey Page Cunningham, who is Pam's niece, passed away on Thursday, September 15. She was in a car accident.

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Fred Mabry

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Class of 2017

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Chris Carmichael

Stuart Carmichael

Bill Loftus

Chris Rhue

Ellen Thompson

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Beverly Bowling

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John Decembrino

Dan Sprouse

Debra Sutherland

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