

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

September 3, 2017

22nd 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 3, 2017

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

Holy Spirit of God: as daylight begins to grow shorter, and leisure time is harder to find, we trust that you will always be present to refresh and renew us. Please use this hour of worship to fill us with enthusiasm for the gospel and re-commitment to your work. 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 For the Beauty of the Earth Fletcher

CALL TO WORSHIP From Isaiah 40

One: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting God does not become weary or tired.

All: And those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

One: They shall rise up with wings, as the eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

All: So praise the Lord, source of life and strength! Praise God, all people! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you placed us on this earth as your stewards, to tend its gardens, to restrain destructive wildness, to labor in your name. You granted us abilities and skills so our work might be satisfying and productive. But greed has spoiled relationships between employer and employee. Laziness and resentment rob us of honest motivation. We hide behind class-consciousness, separating people by the color of their collars. The fruits of our efforts are not fairly divided. Forgive us, God, for the ways we have distorted

your good gift of work. Show us all how to live and labor rightly in this broken but redeemed world. Hear now also our 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 - for all children

(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: Genesis 2:4b-17 Pg. 2

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: God Whose Giving Knows No Ending
(Congregation join on Verse 3, Hymn 716)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 3:17-19 Pg. 3

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE By the Sweat of Your Brow" Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 719 Come, Labor On

(During this hymn, please come forward and place a symbol of your labor in a basket near the communion table. If you are unable to come forward,

an usher will gather symbols at the center aisle. You may retrieve these items when worship ends.)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

A LITANY FOR THE DEDICATION OF OUR LABOR

Leader: O God, your own work created our universe. Therefore, because we trust you to understand us,

People: We come to you in prayer this Labor Day Sunday.

Leader: Help all people feel that their work is important, regardless of pay.

People: Let us understand that our labor is important not only for what we make from it, but for what it makes of us.

Leader: Give comfort to those who would work but cannot find it. Grant that work will come, and that until then they not feel worthless.

People: Be with unions and management involved in labor disputes and strikes. Help them to solve differences fairly.

Leader: May all who daily go to work, work hard, dedicating their skills to you.

People: May all who are now retired look back with pride on a job well done.

Leader: And now, O God, bless all these objects that represent the work we do. Bless us in our daily labor, whether great or small, paid or unpaid, at home, at school, or on the job.

People: Help us undertake every task with joy and expectation, as we work to build your community of justice and peace. Amen

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 On Beach Spring M. McDonald

*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 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*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 Little Fugue in D Minor

Pachelbel

The Lay Leader For Worship Today Is Denise Herr

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 Mary Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Davis by Frances and Hal Jernigan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3

4:30 pm Deacons

September 5

7:00 pm BEG

September 6

5:30 pm WMA

September 10

**9:45 am Fun Adult Class/ Teacher's Breakfast
Christian Edu./Commissioning of Teachers and Youth Leaders**

September 11

**6:00 pm PW Salad Supper Fall Gathering
4:30 pm Nominating Committee**

September 12

**5:00pm Membership/Stewardship
5:00 pm CNE**

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.

All current, substitute, and prospective Children's Church leaders are invited to a teachers' prep meeting next Sunday, September 10, at

9:45 am. Snacks and supervision for kids will be provided. Please RSVP to Jaime ASAP.

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 when the recovery effort begins. 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 both places. You may contribute online at 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.

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons, George Shannon

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

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