



The Messenger

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Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action

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OCTOBER WORSHIP SPECIALS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here are three things to look for in worship as we transition from summer to fall...

- **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** –In the midst of the Great Depression that affected nations across the globe, Presbyterian ministers sought a way to emphasize the oneness of Christ's church despite national and ethnic boundaries. Our denomination was the first to endorse the idea of churches everywhere celebrating communion on the same day. The idea gained momentum and the National Council of Churches endorsed the practice after World War 2 revealed the need for a universal response to destructive hatred. This year, on October 1, we will join in that worldwide response, calling attention to unity in Christ and diversity in cultures. A basket of various breads from around the world highlights the differences in how God sustains us. Emphasis on the one church of Jesus Christ accentuates togetherness. Please join us as we sing hymns from around the world and contribute to our Peace and Global Witness offering.
- **PASSING THE PEACE AT END OF WORSHIP** – The congregation Mission Study recommended that our Sunday worship become even more hospitable and welcoming to both visitors and our own members. Recently, at my suggestion, the WMA committee recommended that we re-initiate a time of greeting called Passing the Peace of Christ. Congregations place this time at various spots in their worship. We have decided

that it will fit best for us at the very end of worship, after the benediction, allowing for extended conversation or a smile and welcoming handshake, as you see fit. We will sit back down after the last hymn and listen to the organ postlude, omit the present sung response, and then rise for the benediction and Passing the Peace, both to immediate neighbors in the pew and to visitors across the sanctuary. We hope you enjoy this special time of greeting and help everyone feel the hospitality of Christ's church.

- **REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCT. 29 – 500 YEARS OF PROTESTANTISM**

Tradition says that in 1517, on the eve of All Saints Day, Martin Luther hammered his list of 95 points of disputation on the door of the Wittenberg castle. From that day, ideas for reformation of the Catholic church that were bubbling for decades finally gathered into one concerted effort toward Protestant Christianity. We will celebrate this historic event with special worship on Oct. 29. The choir is making this day their annual Hymn-fest, and presenting a series of hymns and anthems during the 11 am worship that will celebrate the central themes of Protestant theology, including hymns written by Martin Luther and John Calvin. The Joyful Singers, Handbell choirs and area musicians will join the Chancel Choir to enrich our worship and remind us of this key event in our Protestant heritage. Please attend.

Shalom, Dr. Duane Hix

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 1, 2017 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Duane Hix Sermon: "Though He Was in the Form of God"

(Scripture used) Matt. 21:28-32; Phil. 2:1-11

Ex. 17:1-7; Ps. 78: 1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2: 1-13;

Matt. 21:23-32

318 In Christ There Is No East or West

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

832 Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand

October 8, 2017 - 27th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Dr. Duane Hix Sermon: "Stories of Renewal: An Unlikely Friendship"

(Scripture used) Psalm 51:1-10; Luke 15:1-10

Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19;

Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

343 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Angela Rump by Lillian Boger.

October 15, 2017 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "Stories of Renewal: Out of Our Comfort Zone"

(Scripture used) Psalm 139:1-12 and 13-18

Ex. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil. 4:1-9;

Matt. 22:1-4

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

817 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

October 22, 2017 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "Stories of Renewal: My Life Has Totally Changed"

(Scripture used) Psalm 4:1-8; Romans 12:9-21

Ex. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1:21-30;

Matt. 10:1-16

503 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

463 How Firm a Foundation

353 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Carolyn and John Henry Moore given by the family.

October 29, 2017 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Scripture used) Galatians 2:16

Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17; 1Thess. 2:1-8;

Matt. 22:34-16

475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

462 I Love to Tell the Story

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Dr. Hix's messages Copies are available at the front entrance of Fellowship Hall for anyone that's interested.

Volunteer Schedule

OCTOBER Opening and Closing Church

BUS DRIVERS pickup at Scotia 10:20

Oct. 1 Bill Caudill

Oct. 8 Richard Mabry

Oct. 15 Michael Sellers

Oct. 22 Gus Purcell

Oct. 29 Jamie Southerland

OCTOBER USHER TEAM #1

Richard Mabry-Lead, Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell,

David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill,

Richard Massey, John McRae, Maggie Ratcliffe,

Scott Sellers, Andy Womble

ACOLYTES

Oct. 1 Communion

Oct. 8 Creed Sellers

Oct. 15 Max Anderson

Oct. 22 Poppy Bounds

Oct. 29 Claire Carmichael

NURSERY

Oct. 1 VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 8 VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 15 VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 22 VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 29 VOLUNTEERS

COMBINED CHILDREN CHURCH (PreK-Grade 5)

Oct. 1 No Children's Church (Communion)

Oct. 8 Carmichael Family

Oct. 15 Catherine McLaurin & Lynn Massey

Oct. 22 Sutherland Family

Oct. 29 Carolina Caddell & Pam Hill

GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS

Oct. 1 John Clark

Oct. 8 Danny Caddell

Oct. 15 Anne Caudill

Oct. 22 Mike Coughenour

Oct. 29 Debby Holcomb

GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS

Oct. 1 Barbara

Oct. 8 Beverly

Oct. 15 David

Oct. 22 Dan

Oct. 29 Debra

GREETERS SANCTUARY DOOR

Oct. 1 David and Ellen Harling

Oct. 8 David and Phyllis Breedon

Oct. 15 Greg Wood and Janet Smith

Oct. 22 Wayne and Debi Hobbs

Oct. 29 Bob and Kirsten Dean

OCTOBER SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Kim Liles, Co-chair, Delia Muse, Linda Maddox,

Shirley Pait, Debbie Carter, Carol Coughenour(Mike)

Gloria Coughenour, Lillian Boger

LAY LEADER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 1 - DEC. 31, 2017

Please be sure if you cannot make a certain date that you find a replacement and be sure you let Cathy and Dr. Hix know of the change in time for the bulletin printing on late Thursday afternoon.

October 1 (communion) – David Herr

October 8 – Danny Caddell

October 15 – Clint Willis

October 22 – Bill Loftus

October 29 – Lynn Mason

Nov. 5 – Larry Schulz (DST ends)

Nov. 12 – Scott Miller

Nov. 19 – Roland Stout

Nov. 26, T'Day wknd, Edna Ann Loftus

Dec. 3 – Kristen Anderson

Dec. 10 – Denise Herr

Dec. 17 – John Clark

Dec. 24 (Xmas Eve day) – Annette Morgan

Dec. 31 – Janet Smith

PRESBYTERIAN PRESENCE

As you know by now, I subscribe to the Presbyterian Outlook and an article in the September 18, 2017 issue caught my eye. It was called "Pastoral Pipeline" and "the premise is with a surge of retirements approaching and fewer people going to seminary, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is facing an impending, potentially severe shortage of pastors." The average age for all pastors in the US is 57 so this shortage may not be too far off. But there are other pieces to this problem. For instance, PC(USA) membership in the past 20 years has dropped 43%. The reality is that most PC(USA) congregations are small, some will probably close and many cannot afford a full time pastor. Let me give you some "sound bites". In 2006 PC(USA) had 13,693 active ministers, in 2014 that number was 12,186. Of active ministers, more than a quarter, (including about a third of the women) were

in roles outside the local church. "We have not actively had a formal national recruiting effort to get more people to consider the ministry since the early 2000s." Just over 60% of seminary graduates and only about 40% of the women, said their vocational goal was to work in the parish. Watch for my article in the November Message for further comments.

Meredith Hudson

Jesus Calls Us to be Peacemakers

Our congregation will participate in the Peace & Global Witness Offering as the next of four annual Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church. The offering will be collected on October 1, World Communion Sunday. The gifts collected will allow Laurinburg Presbyterian Church to proclaim Christ's peace. Twenty-five percent will stay in our congregation for use in peacemaking and building reconciliation ministries in our own community or around the world. Every day we see the world's need for love, peace and justice. As the Presbyterian Church states: "The promise of Jesus 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9) is both a comfort and a challenge." Please prayerfully consider how we answer this challenge in this offering.

Janet Smith

"How Can I be Part of "The Word in Action?"

Autumn means cooler temperatures, football, school and a chance for us to renew our commitment to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church through our Stewardship Campaign with our time, talents and treasure.

At the services through the month of October, come hear members tell of how they use their talents to further "The Word in Action" and how your pledge aids that effort. Consider your own time and talents and how you might join them. During the service on October 22, you have the opportunity to discover the various opportunities available at LPC for worship, study, fellowship, service and music. You and your family may also provide suggestions for future groups to aid in your spiritual growth. By October 29, your caregiver will call or visit you with information from the Stewardship Committee, as well as a pledge card. If you do not receive this, please contact the church and we will bring it to you. We ask that you prayerfully consider the information and your financial commitment toward the 2018 budget. If you have questions, please

contact Stewardship Chair, Janet Smith, at 910-690-9643. You may return your pledge via mail, have a member of the committee pick it up from you, or bring it to Commitment Sunday on November 19. Come join us in "The Word in Action." We look forward to seeing you.

The Stewardship Committee

ARTS MINISTRY COMMITTEE

"God is the original artist and He has given certain individuals gifts of creativity to be used to visually enhance the church." With this idea in mind, an Arts Ministry Committee is being formed to produce various artistic expressions of our faith throughout our church buildings. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Susan Wentz (276-0587 or susuwentz@gmail.com). We invite your creative ideas!

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m clean up time! Come join us as we dust all wood, clean out the racks, pews and window seals. Polish brass! Hopefully there will be enough individuals available so we can do our fall cleaning. All of us Working together will get the the Sanctuary ready for use. I appreciate any person who would like to help with this day or would like to serve on the Sanctuary Committee. We have lost some members that were very active on this Committee. You only have to do one Sunday for a year!

Thank you,
Sis Thomas, Chair (276-0220)

Anyone interested in going together to **Centre Presbyterian Church Ingathering on Thursday, Oct. 5.** We are trying to get a Bus Load. We leave the church at quarter till 11. Please contact Sis Thomas, 272-0220.



MEMORIAL BIBLE LECTURES With Dr. Sam L. Adams



Samuel L. Adams is Professor of Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary. His interests include the wisdom literature of the Bible, wealth and poverty in the biblical world, apocalypticism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Egyptology, biblical theology, and the Bible and film. He recently published *Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea* (Westminster John Knox). His first book, *Wisdom in Transition: Act and Consequence in Second Temple Instructions* (Brill, 2008), addresses ancient conceptions of retribution and the possibility of an afterlife. Current book projects include a commentary on the Jewish sage Ben Sira (Anchor Yale Bible) and editing a comprehensive introduction to wisdom literature. As an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), he has served churches in New Haven, CT, Chicago, IL, and in Richmond, VA. He is also a regular blogger for the [Huffington Post](http://www.huffpost.com). His wife Helen is a primary care physician in Richmond, and he has two teenage children, Virginia (16) and Charlie (13).

Series Title: **Wealth and Poverty in the Biblical World and Today**

Sunday, October 22 at 7 pm

Part I: The Economic Vision in Scripture

Monday, October 23 at 7 pm

Part II: Translating the Economic Vision in Scripture for Today

Presentations, including the question and answer time will end by 8:15 pm with light refreshments to follow.

The Memorial Bible Lectures are held at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church and are presented in conjunction with Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church Maxton.



Emily Seller	10/01
Erin Sellers	10/01
Beth Elliott	10/03
John Gullledge Jr	10/03
Kaye McMillan	10/03
Jean + Powell	10/04
Priscilla Graham	10/05
Susan McArn	10/05
Haley Sellers	10/05
David Breeden	10/06
Clint Willis	10/06
Anne Goodwin	10/07
Angela Purcell	10/07
Anna Norton	10/08
John + Parker	10/08
Carol Sellers	10/08
Leslie Bruner	10/09
Gray Sellers	10/09
Anne McKenzie	10/10

Marcus Norton III	10/10
Ann Stack	10/10
Trey Jones	10/11
Mark Coughenour	10/12
Courtney Phillips	10/12
Garrett Sellers	10/13
Linda McQueen	10/14
Hannah Massey	10/15
John Clark	10/17
Caitlin Russell	10/17
Bob Dean	10/19
Thomas Willis	10/19
Brynley Freeman	10/20
Julie Carmichael	10/22
Dawn Salzlein	10/22
Barbara Salzlein	10/23
Katie Carmichael	10/25
Hannah Mason	10/25
Dan Sprouse	10/26
Jeff Byrd	10/28
Jim Coughenour	10/28
Jerry Norton	10/29
Lauren Harling	10/30
Ellen Harling	10/30
Joel Hartwell	10/31

**!!!HAPPY BIRTHDAY
EVERYONE!!!**

Music Notes: Congregational Singing and the Protestant Reformation

On October 29, we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with a hymn-based worship service that encourages the congregation to re-affirm the principles of our shared faith through both spoken litanies and communal singing. But why is singing hymns such an important part of our Protestant tradition?

Congregational singing in some form has been central to Protestant identity and communal worship from the very beginning. Collectively, Protestant churches have consistently emphasized the communal voice of the congregation as the best response to the scripture and Holy Spirit; Martin Luther, in the Large Catechism, argued that singing the Psalms in a communal fashion constituted “meditation and exercises based on the First Commandment.” Thus, sung psalm settings (psalters) defined Protestant identity from the mid-sixteenth through mid-eighteenth centuries and encouraged the congregation to participate in chanting scripture.

Hymns and congregational songs have also served as a means to teach church doctrine and maintain cultural and community traditions, especially in less literate populations. Hymns themselves (as opposed to sung psalms) for congregational singing were an innovation of the mid-1700s, while the 4-part hymns that we think of as “traditional” today were not common until the mid-1800s—and both developments were highly contested in English-speaking congregations, in part because they were associated with the evangelical awakenings, and thus a threat to established authority. Isaac Watts’s hymns were particularly notable as paraphrases of scripture and scriptural themes into more memorable—and more explicitly Christian—texts. He was also invested in provoking passionate singing and thus a more emotional worship experience. Leaders of both Great Awakenings used congregational singing at revivals to unite members of different denominations, focusing on hymns that emphasized universal Protestant principles like God’s grace in the face of human sinfulness.

Yet the congregational singing of hymns also had the potential to be a subversive element in the worship service, or at least one that decentered

leadership and empowered otherwise vulnerable members of the congregation. Singing and writing hymns has given women opportunities to participate in and shape worship services that were supposed to be dominated by men—women like Fanny Crosby became celebrated hymn writers in the late nineteenth century, and many of their hymns used feminine pronouns to describe the congregation despite men’s dominance of those congregations. Worship music was also a means of expressing black culture and autonomy despite slavery, segregation, and other forms of oppression.

Even as musical forms have changed over the last five centuries (and will no doubt continue to change in the future), hymn singing continues to matter because making music together is a way to build community. Or, as Garrison Keillor said in his 2007 essay *Singing with the Lutherans*, “by our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.”

Join us for worship on October 29 as we commit to our faith, our church, and each other through song!

Christian Ed Corner: 3 Reasons to Teach the Reformation

I’m a history professor, so I am well aware that most kids and teens are not particularly interested in history. So why bother teaching them church history? What does the story of the ongoing Reformation help us teach?

1. God Does Extraordinary Things Through Ordinary People: We stand on the shoulders of Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, Anne Hutchinson, Jonathan Edwards, Charles Finney...and countless others. Smart, brave, flawed human beings who God chose to lead the church, just as God chooses each of us.
2. The Gospel is the Foundation of Everything We Do: The Reformation boils down to a simple but profound truth—we are saved through faith alone, faith that Christ died for all our sins. We need to remember to keep this at the heart of everything we do.
3. Change is Necessary for the Church to Thrive: We celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Ref-

ormation this month, but we cannot allow that one historical moment to calcify the church. Every generation fights for and over the Bible, and the work of reformation will never be complete until Jesus returns.

Participants in our kids’ choir, Junior Youth, and Children’s Church will learn about the Reformation at various points during the month of October. Parents are encouraged to keep the lessons going at home—and if you need some information, check out the “Church History for Kids” articles at www.christianity.com.

New to LPC: Musical Artist Series

Thanks to a generous anonymous donation from the congregation, we will be offering two guest artist recitals during the 2017-2018 school year. Our first artist, Dr. Ivano Ascari, will present a recital in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 15, at 4 pm. This program is free and open to the public, so please help us spread the word throughout our community.

Dr. Ascari is a professor of Trumpet and Trombone at conservatories in Riva del Garda and Trento, Italy, and a former Principal Trumpet player with the Bolzano Symphony Orchestra. He is also a pioneering performer on the Karnyx, an ancient war trumpet discovered during archaeological excavations in Italy and France, designed to play with the same intensity as the bagpipes. In the spring, we will feature a piano recital by Dr. Mark Tollefsen, new Assistant Professor of piano in the UNCP Department of Music.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Michael and Erin Muse of Cary NC, on the birth of their daughter Ellison Jame Muse born Sept. 7. She is the granddaughter of John and Delia Muse.

Congratulations to Dan and Rebecca Murdock of Richmond VA, on the birth of their daughter Virginia Claire Murdock born Sept. 11. She is the granddaughter of Greg Wood and Janet Smith.

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Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers!!!

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At Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

On the Calendar

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship;
11:20 am Children's Church

October 1

World Communion Sunday

4:30 pm Deacons

October 3

7:00 pm BEG

October 4

5:30 pm WMA

October 10

5:00 pm CNE

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

October 11

5:00 pm Fellowship

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

October 12

5:30 pm Childcare

October 16

7:00 pm Session

October 22

7:00 pm Memorial Bible Lectures

October 23

7:00 pm Memorial Bible Lectures

October 29

Congregational Meeting After Worship

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are broadcast on WLNC 1300 Sunday at 11 am, on the internet (wlncradio.com), the previous week's service TV Channel 2 on Sundays at 10 am & Tuesdays at 8 pm. Sunday's (same day) service is shown at 2 pm Scotia's MMEC.

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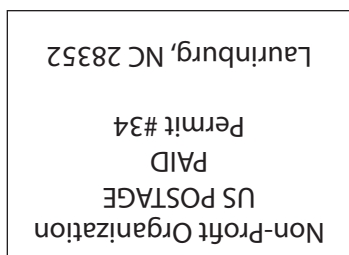
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