

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

March 25, 2018- Palm Sunday

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

March 25, 2018

Eleven o'clock

Prayer for Reflection:

God of victory: on Palm Sunday centuries ago you entered the holy city as if in triumph. But we know what happened only days later, when the whole world seemed to turn against you. Remind us today of fleeting success and eternal companionship. Let us give thanks and praise to you in this hour of worship. Amen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew, and return it to its starting place. Say "hi" to your neighbor! Visitors - please leave us your address. We'll send you a note of welcome!

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Burkhardt
Introit: Rejoice in the Lord, Lindner
Joyful Singers & Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 118

One: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

All: These are the gates of the Lord, through which only the righteous may enter.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and on him the Lord has built a sure foundation.

All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you led Israel through centuries of wandering and war, uniting tribes, claiming a land, building a temple. Centuries later, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem, revealing your grace, calling us to worship you as Lord. But we confess that we do not recognize Christ when he enters the gates of our cities today; we do not hail him as king, or honor you with songs of adoration. Forgive our slow minds and hazy vision, our limited comprehension of your greatness. Give us wisdom to understand you, and faith enough so that in every city we may live for justice and tell of your mercy. Please receive now 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 #227 Jesus, Remember Me
**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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: Psalm 118:19-29 PG. 565

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Hosanna, Blessed is the One Who Comes
Chancel Choir & Youth Handbells

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:12-16 PG. 106

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE "Only After" Dr. Duane Hix

*HYMN 821 My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the almighty and ever present power of God upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that...all things come to us not by chance but through his fatherly hand.... This means that we can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future, we can have good confidence in our faithful God and father, and that nothing will separate us from God's love.

From The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

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 "Were You There" Wood

*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)

We give thanks to you, Lord, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that awaits our return, and for love that welcomes all. May these gifts we offer reveal our gratitude. Please use them to reduce suffering and hatred in your world. Amen

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude for Palm Sunday" Wood
(please be seated during the postlude)

Lay leader today is Janet Smith

**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 loving memory of Bill McInnis by the family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remain after worship to attend a reception thanking Dr. Duane Hix on this next-to-last Sunday as our interim pastor. During the reception the children will be called outside (weather

THE SESSION: Moderator Dr. Duane Hix (cell: 919-819-7198)

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Kristen Anderson	Danny Caddell	Carol Sellers
David Breeden	John Clark	Chris Rhue
Martha Olmstead	David Herr	Craig Ellis
Robin Snead	Deborah Hobbs	Jim Mason
Janet Smith	Richard Mabry	Angela Purcell
Nick Sojka	Annette Morgan	Chris Carmichael
Susan Wentz	Kevin Patterson	Julian Butler

THE DEACONS: Moderator: Bob Dyer

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
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Beverly Bowling	Lynn Davis	Sis Thomas
David Carmichael	Kirsten Dean	Jane McLaurin
Dan Sprouse	Candy Nichols	Kathy Williamson
Debra Sutherland	Susan Hartwell	Laurene Stubbs
Bob Dyer	Bette Sellers	Matt Purcell

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Moderator: Leslie Sellers

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