

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Welcoming Our New Pastor/Youth Sunday

May 6, 2018-6th Sunday of Easter

## **Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action**



Founded 1859

The Rev. Robert William (Rob) Martin III, Pastor

Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music

Mr. Sean McDonald, Organist

Supported Missionary

Christopher McReynolds

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 6, 2018

Eleven o'clock

### Thoughts For Reflection

"One of the hallmarks of social wellness is being inclusive, not exclusive, in our perspectives."

— Laurie Buchanan, PhD

"Tolerance is a poor substitute for embrace."

— Jamie Arpin-Ricci

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Jackson Purcell

### \*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      Holy Manna  
                    LPC Youth Handbell Ensemble

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**All: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.**

One: For the Lord has done marvelous things!

**All: Let us sing to the Lord a song of praise!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*Gathering Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

*Refrain:* Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now  
*Refrain*

Willing we choose to surrender our lives  
Willing our knees will bow  
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength  
We gladly choose you now  
*Refrain*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*Litany of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

One: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you.**

One: You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

**All: Forgive us when we do not follow you**

One: You bring about justice and true peace among people.

**All: God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace. Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.**

One: God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**



Spirit of tenderness, impart Your presence,  
Fill both our hearts and our hands with Your care.  
Let no one suffer or grieve unattended,  
Grant us Your kindness and warmth here to share.

*Refrain*

Though there are those who would limit Christ's graces,  
Still we refuse to believe in such lies,  
For in this time we have made a commitment  
Never to limit love's power or size.

*Refrain*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of Belhar)

**We believe in God**

**the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**who gathers, protects and cares for the church.**

**We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints,  
called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes  
to bring about justice and true peace among people;**

**That God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special  
way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged;**

**That God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings  
justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.**

**That the church as the possession of God must stand where  
the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the  
wronged.**

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the  
church is called to confess and to do all these things. To the  
one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor  
and the glory for ever and ever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done on earth, as 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      Shout to the North  
  LPC Youth Handbell Ensemble

\*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)  
**Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen  
Son, and to care for those who are our companions in this  
journey, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.  
Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer ourselves on behalf  
of the church and the world. Receive the gifts we offer here to-  
day, and help us use them to show your Love. Amen.**

## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Sending Song: #742 We Will Walk With God (3 times)

\*BENEDICTION

PRELUDE                      When the Saints Go Marchin' In  
   Sam Poage, trombone  
   John Alec Caudill, drums

**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.

**The flowers this Sunday** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of the Butler, Montgomery, and Snowdon family given by the Butler and Snowdon family; and to celebrate the arrival of our new Pastor.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TODAY-WELCOMING OUR NEW PASTOR & YOUTH SUNDAY**

**4:30 pm Deacons**

**May 8**

**5:30 pm CNE**

**May 15**

**5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship**

**May 16**

**7:00 pm Finance & Administration**

**May 17**

**5:30 pm Childcare**

**May 20**

**6:00 pm Pentecost Sunday at Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church**

**May 21**

**7:00 pm Session**

### **Luncheon for the Martins**

**Please join us for a Covered Dish Luncheon after worship to welcome our new pastor, Reverend Rob Martin and his wife Do. Please join us on this exciting day in the life of our church!**

**Chris Carmichael**

**The Martins would also like to thank the congregation for it's gifts of food and fellowship upon their arrival here in this community.**



## 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.**

**We thank the members of our youth programs for leading us in worship today, especially:**

Lay Readers: Tripp Wells, Donovan O'Donnell, Willow Holman, Tyler Parks Sellers, Sam Poage, Grace Wilkinson, Emma Herr, Jennings Dean, Anna Ferguson, John Alec Caudill, Sam LeVigne

Ushers: Turner Bounds, Daniel Caudill, Miles Murphy, Cooper Sutherland

Handbell Ensemble: Max Anderson, Claire Carmichael, Katie Carmichael, Jennings Dean, Anna Ferguson, Eli Hicks, Willow Holman, Ana Huesa, Alexis Patterson, Sam Poage, Jackson Purcell, McKenna Sutherland, Grace Wilkinson; Robin Snead, director

### **THANK YOU LPC BAKERS!!**

Once again you have given a wonderful gift to the students at St. Andrews. We had a big crowd for the final exam stress buster Juice and Cookies event – and “thank you so much” was heard over and over again as students filled their plates with goodies. The Deacons, and the St. Andrews students, are very grateful for your faithful support of this event.

The Deacons

*Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—*

**Continuing Concerns:** Joel McCanna, Will Faulk-Custodian (LPC)  
Hewitt Fulton, Lucile Bridgeman

**In Scotia Skilled:** Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson, Hewitt Fulton  
Frances Haupt, Mackey McCormick, Louise Wester, Sarah Bullock

**Scotia Special Care:** Margaret Caudill

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

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## THE PENTECOST OFFERING

### ***A Denominational Offering for:***

- ***Children at Risk***
- ***Youth***
- ***Young Adults***

Through the Pentecost Offering, the Church expresses a common commitment to provide hope for children at risk, opportunities for our youth and young adults to grow in their faith, and short-term mission service opportunities for young adults.

The Pentecost Offering will be collected on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the day of Pentecost.

You are urged to give fully, faithfully and generously to this special offering!

**THE SESSION: Moderator The Rev. Robert W. (Rob) Martin cell: 650-283-0167**

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Kristen Anderson	Danny Caddell	Carol Seller
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
Barbara Bateman	Jacque Britt	John McRae
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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