

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 14, 2024

Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action



Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor

Pastor John Stanley, CRE

Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music

Lee Harris, Organist

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleven O'clock

***Welcome to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church this morning!
We are glad you are here! And we invite you to return as often as you wish so
that you will come to know the joy of being a part of the fellowship of God in
this place.***

***Please sign our pew pads so we can have a record of your presence today.
This will enable us to serve you better.***

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Robert Dyer

Prelude

"The Master Hath Come"

Welsh Melody

*Call to Worship

Leader: Before we were born, God knew us.

People: **God knit us together in the womb.**

Leader: God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.

People: **So we praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Leader: There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

People: **How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.**

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #33** *"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and patience, you call us to follow you and offer us purpose and new possibilities. Yet we confess we often hesitate. We are not sure what we have to offer you. We'd prefer that someone else take the lead and maybe we will follow them. Forgive us when we hesitate. Help us trust in you and what you know we have to offer in Jesus' name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has mercy upon us and hears our confession. In Christ we have the assurance that we dwell not alone. All who approach God with a desire for wholeness will be filled with living waters, which the Spirit gives.

People: **We are refreshed by The Spirit as we search for God's will in our lives. Thanks be to God, Amen.**

***Congregational Response #581** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

***Passing of the Peace:** “May the peace of Christ be with you.”
“And also with you.”

Time with Children

Hillary Sessions

Prayer for Illumination

As we turn to the books written to evoke faith, we want to hear more than words, O God. May we experience the presence of One whom death could not contain. Grant forgiveness and peace, and equip us to share the gift of Your Word. Amen.

Anthem

“Known to You”

David Catherwood

*Before I speak O Lord you hear, before I think my thoughts you know.
You have searched my mind, know all I feel, my ways are known to you.
If I rise on the wings of the morning or descend on the depths of the sea
from the east to the west from beginning to end Lord you are there for me.
Everything I speak you hear, everything I do you see,
everything I think you know from afar you understand all of me.*

Lesson from the Old Testament

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Commentary on The Word “*Staying Awake to God’s Call*” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

The Apostles’ Creed (pg. 35)

Hymn of Worship #69 “*I the Lord of Sea and Sky*” (*Here I Am Lord*)

An Invitation to Giving

Offertory

“If You Will Only Let God Guide You”

arr. Billingsley

***The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

This offering is our most significant statement of faith, O God. We give because we believe this congregation is important, our ministry changes lives for the better, and we are part of something much larger than ourselves. Ultimately, we believe the church is our strongest link to your Reality. Use our time, talent, and treasure in ways that exceed our grandest design. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Parting #726** *“Will You Come and Follow Me” (The Summons)*

***Charge and Benediction**

(Why we sit for the Postlude: We have been blessed with wonderful organists over the years, so it has become a tradition at Laurinburg Presbyterian to remain seated for the Postlude and continue to worship and listen for God through music. If you need to leave before it ends, please exit reverently.)

Postlude

“Cathedral” Praeludium

J.S. Bach

2024 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Clifton Buie	Brian Bounds	Bob Dyer
Debi Hobbs	Martha Fulton	Mike Edwards
Jacque O’Neal	Bear Hughes	Bill Purcell II
Matt Sessions	LeGette McLean	Emily Womble

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Barbara Bateman	Heather Bounds	Katherine Campbell
Becca Hughes	Katie Clark	Carol Edwards
Kim Liles	Wayne Hobbs	Phil Eshleman
Scott Sellers	Louise Mabry	Chip Wells
Poppy Bounds-Youth (2024)		

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Lee McCanna

Vice-Moderator: Angela Purcell

Secretary: Angela Purcell

Treasurer: Delia Muse

Historian: Dawn Sellers

Moderator of Search Committee: Leslie Sellers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of W.R. Dulin and the Reverend and Mrs. D.H. Dulin by Sibyle Dulin.

John Clark died Tuesday morning, January 9, at Hospice House of Florence, SC. **A memorial service** will be held this afternoon, January 14 at 2:00 pm in the LPC Sanctuary.

We are having a welcome to LPC luncheon for our new Pastor, Rebekah Carpenter, next Sunday, January 21st after church. Fried chicken, barbeque, drinks and desserts will be provided, please bring your favorite side to share. Also, please let the church office know if you are planning to attend by Thursday, January 18th so that we can plan accordingly.

Our beloved "Kirkin' o' the Tartan service will be held on January 28th. Please contact Emily Womble if you are available to carry a tartan for the service. We will have small flags for our younger folks to carry. **WE STILL NEED 25 FOLKS TO CARRY TARTANS!** Text or call Emily Womble at 910-610-5283. Lunch will be catered by Brady's and will be \$15 per person, with ages 12 and under free. Those who purchased tickets with cash last year for the event that was canceled may still use their tickets. Those who used a check to purchase their tickets should re-issue a current check for deposit (we have a list if you're not sure). Others who wish to purchase tickets for lunch can do so in the church office through Friday, January 19 or near the Sanctuary before worship on next Sunday. No tickets shall be sold on the day of the event.

The Memorial Garden sub-committee is in need of some assistance. If you are able to help for a couple hours, a few times a year to pull weeds, remove leaves and other small maintenance projects, please let Pete Liles know.

Previous Recipients of the McKay Scholarship:

Parents and students, look for the Scholarship Renewal Notification for the 2024-2025 school year. Please complete the renewal application by February 2, 2024.

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeter/Visitation:

Dec 31-Jan 6	Becca Hughes
January 7-13	Kim Liles
January 14-20	Scott Sellers
January 21-27	Poppy Bounds
Jan 28-Feb 3	Jane McLaurin

Sanctuary Committee:

*Sis Thomas	Edna Ann Loftus
Miriam Bounds	

Usher Team 3:

*Allen McLaurin	Hal Jernigan
Philip Eshleman	John McLaurin
Penny McLaurin	Gus Purcell
Jackson Purcell	Gus Purcell, II
Gray Sellers	Anne Sprouse
Clifton Buie	Jimmy Stubbs, Jr.
Clint Willis	Jackson Medlin

Bus Drivers:

January 7	Jimmy Stubbs
January 14	Earl Bowling
January 21	David Carmichael
January 28	Jamie Sutherland

Remember to bring items to add to our Blessing Box. Suggested donations include non-perishable food items like canned goods, boxed meals, canned proteins, pasta, vitamins, canned or boxed milk, peanut butter, cereal bars, granola bars, oatmeal, grits, baby food, bottled water, etc. Hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, soap, cleaning supplies, deodorant, Q-tips, toilet paper, diapers, tissues and band aids are also great donations.

Upcoming:

Monday 1/15 5:45 pm Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday 1/17 8:00 am Finance Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting
7:15 pm Choir Practice
Sunday 1/21 9:45 am Sunday School for All
11:00 am Worship Service (Lunch Following)

PRAISE REPORT: Mark McCanna, brother of Joel McCanna, is doing much better. The McCanna Family thanks the congregation for their prayers.

PEOPLE TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Jim Mason and Family**, upon the death of his sister, Celeste Mason Pittman, Rocky Mount, NC, January 11, 2024.
- **The family and friends of John Clark.**
- **The Richard and Louise Mabry family.**
- **Sammy Townsend**, friend of the congregation, at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Sanford after having a stroke.
- **Bill Hill**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Janice Herndon**, mother of Dawn Sellers, diagnosed with leukemia.
- **John Carmichael**, recovering at home after a light heart attack and with pneumonia.
- **Andy Womble**, recovering from surgery.
- **The Caudill Family**
- **Sara Tezzi**, granddaughter of Sammy and Linda Simmons; a titanium rod from a previous surgery on her back broke. She is awaiting a new surgery.
- **Baxter Lee**, recovering at home.
- **Barbara Salzlein**, continuing concerns.
- **Catherine McLaurin**, recovering at home.
- **Philip Bower**, brother of Rev. Sue Hudson, recovering from open heart surgery.
- **Kathleen Purcell**, recovering at home after a stroke.
- **Marty Sutherland** welcomes prayers.
- **Ramona Wright**, at a skilled nursing facility in Cary.
- **Mary Margaret Miller** welcomes our prayers.

Scotia Village Skilled Nursing: Mackey McCormick, Anne Ramsay Melton, Marie Love, Doug Hix, Elizabeth McIntosh

Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen): Daphne Gaw

Scottish Pines: Marty Sutherland