

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 21, 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

Bill Purcell, II

**Prelude**      *"The Mighty God With Power Speaks"*      Traditional English Melody

### \*Call to Worship

**Leader:** God our rock and our salvation.

**People:** **We will not be shaken!**

**Leader:** Trust in God at all times, O people.

**People:** **We will pour out our hearts to God, our refuge.**

**Leader:** Today, let us turn to God and accept the good news.

**People:** **We will listen for Christ's call and follow Him.**

### \*Invocation

Gracious God, you have called us together as your people, and invited us to follow you. Your church has grown from scattered homes in ancient times – to a worldwide community, embracing men and women, young and old, from many nations and cultures.

We marvel at the miracle of your church, and praise you for our place among your people. Your love keeps drawing us to you and to each other, and so we offer you our wonder and praise with millions of those who also gather in your name this day, in Jesus' Name, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise #667**      *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and mystery, we confess your mercy can disturb us. We sit in judgment on what we hear, and cannot imagine offering forgiveness for dreadful actions. We prefer to think that your judgment matches ours. Forgive us for presuming we see as you see, and understand all that you understand. Have mercy upon us, O God, when we give up on the power of mercy. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. Let us give thanks for God's most generous love.

**\*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****Anthem**

*"Praise the Lord"*

Eugene Butler

*Praise ye the Lord, O praise his name. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever more.*

*The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heav'ns.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever more.*

*Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,*

*who humbleth himself to behold that which is in heav'n and in the earth!*

*He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifted the needy one out of their distress.*

*Praise ye the Lord, O praise his name. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever more.*

**Scripture**

Psalm 30

**Commentary on The Word**

*"Bold Praise"*

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**The Apostles' Creed** (pg. 35)

**\*Hymn of Worship #805**     *"Come Sing to God (Psalm 30)"*

**An Invitation to Giving****Offertory**

*"I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies"*

K. Lee Scott

Jaime Martinez, soprano

**\*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**

### **Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Parting #749**    *"Come! Live in the Light!" (We are Called)*

## **\*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**        Intrada on *"When in Our Music God Is Glorified "*        arr. William Bates

*\*Stand as you are able*

## **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 today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. George E. Melton by his children.

**Our beloved Kirkin' o' the Tartan service** will be held next Sunday!

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the catered luncheon. No tickets shall be sold on the day of the event.

**\*THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO CARRY TARTANS AT OUR KIRKIN SERVICE ON JANUARY 28TH. WE WILL HAVE A BRIEF PRACTICE IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9:45 ON THE 28TH.**

**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.

**High school seniors can now apply for the Jane Graham McKay and Katherine Hill McKay Scholarship** for church Members. Deadline is March 1, 2024. Use this web address to apply:

**<https://fftscholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>**

They may also visit the LPC website [laurinburgpres.com](http://laurinburgpres.com) to apply for the Laurinburg Presbyterian Women of the Church, Katie Groves McNeill, and the Lorena Clark Piner scholarships. The scholarship deadlines may vary so please pay close attention to those dates! Questions? Email Dawn Sellers [dmsellers67@gmail.com](mailto:dmsellers67@gmail.com) or call or text At 910-277-6331.

### **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:**

January 21-27 Poppy Bounds

#### **Sanctuary Committee:**

\*Sis Thomas Edna Ann Loftus  
Miriam Bounds

#### **Bus Drivers:**

January 21 David Carmichael  
January 28 Jamie Sutherland

#### **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

**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. There is a box in the lobby vestibule by the church office to drop off your items, as well as a box to leave items to donate to Church Community Services.

**The Williams' GRACE Group's** first gathering is scheduled for Sunday January 28th at 5:00 pm at Sarah and Bradley Williams' home located at 307 Oban Drive Laurinburg, NC. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with the group. Please RVSP to Bradley at 910-417-7423 or email [bmw23@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmw23@bellsouth.net).

**UPCOMING:**

<b>Sunday 1/21</b>	9:45 am Sunday School for All 11:00 am Worship Service (Welcome Lunch Following) 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
<b>Wednesday 1/24</b>	5:30 pm Session Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Practice
<b>Thursday 1/25</b>	5:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday 1/28</b>	9:45 am Sunday School for All 11:00 am Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service

**Marion Hays McNair, wife of Jim McNair, died January 17, 2024** in Greenville SC. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Visitation will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**PEOPLE TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- **Jim Bumgardner**, recovering from back surgery.
- **Wayne Hobbs**, hospitalized at Scotland Memorial Hospital.
- **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.
- **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