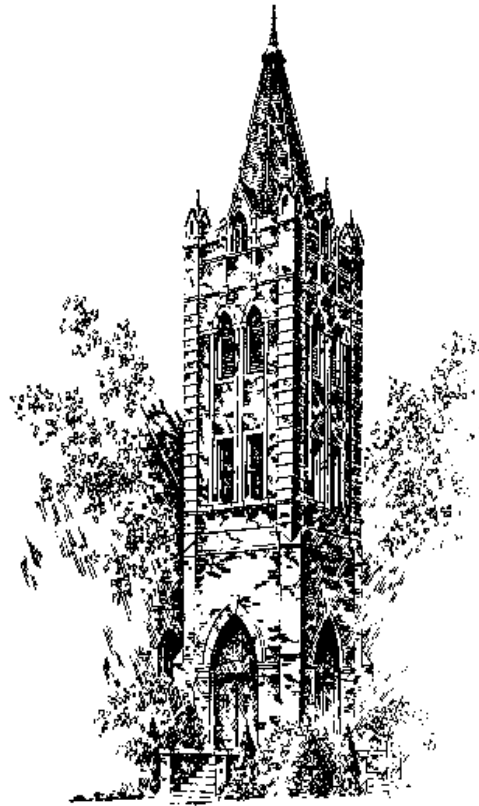


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Baptism of the Lord Sunday – January 7, 2024

Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action



Founded 1859

Pastor John Stanley, CRE
Alex Bryant, Seminary Student
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

Alex Bryant

Prelude

"Meditation on 'Salzburg'"

Douglas E. Wagner

*Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come!

People: **The time is now!**

Leader: The reign of God has drawn near.

People: **The kingdom of heaven is here.**

Leader: Let us turn our lives around and accept the good news.

People: **We will follow Christ and worship in his name.**

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** #156 *"Sing of God Made Manifest"*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and mercy, we confess to you our wrong-doing: things we have done knowingly and things we have left undone; hurts we inflicted unintentionally and hurts we have tried to disguise. Selfish things we have done just to please others, and those just to please ourselves. Forgive us. In the year ahead, help us choose a better way for Jesus' sake. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

***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

Lesson from the Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-5

Lesson from the New Testament

Mark 1:4-11

Commentary on The Word *“The Baptism of the Lord”*

Pastor John Stanley

The Apostles’ Creed (pg. 35)

Hymn of Worship #475 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

An Invitation to Giving

Offertory

“The Son of God is Come”

Marcel Dupré

***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** # 150 *“As With Gladness Men of Old”*

***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

“Festive Voluntary”

Robert Lau

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: Open

Secretary: Angela Purcell

Treasurer: Delia Muse

Historian: Dawn Sellers

Moderator of Search Committee: Leslie Sellers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Jane McKeithan Purcell by the family.

We are having a "Welcome to LPC" luncheon for our new Pastor, Rebekah Carpenter, on 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. THANKS!!! -The Fellowship Committee

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 Email wombleemily@gmail.com, Text or call 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). Tickets will be available for sale in the church office through Wednesday, January 24 or near the Sanctuary before worship on Sundays 1/7, 1/14, 1/21. No tickets shall be sold on the day of the event.

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.

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.

2023 Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2023	\$359,425
Total Pledges Received Thru 12/31/23	\$355,525
Pledge Difference Thru 12/31/23	\$3,900
Percent Received	99%

UPCOMING:

Monday 1/8	6:00 pm BEG Committee Meeting 7:00 pm PW Circle 1 Meeting
Tuesday 1/9	3:00 pm PW Circle 2 Meeting
Wednesday 1/10	3:00 pm PW Circle 3 Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Practice
Sunday 1/14	9:45 am Sunday School for All 11:00 am Worship Service

The Worship Committee thanks those who helped un-decorate the church for Christmas. You helped to make the process easy and seamless!

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

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.

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

PEOPLE TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **John Carmichael**, in ICU after a light heart attack and with pneumonia.
- **Andy Womble**, recovering from surgery.
- **John Clark**, being treated for a reoccurrence of cancer, currently hospitalized at McLeod Hospital.
- **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.
- **Sammy Townsend**, friend of the congregation, at Duke Medical Center after having a stroke.
- **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.
- **Mark McCanna**, brother of Joel McCanna, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **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