

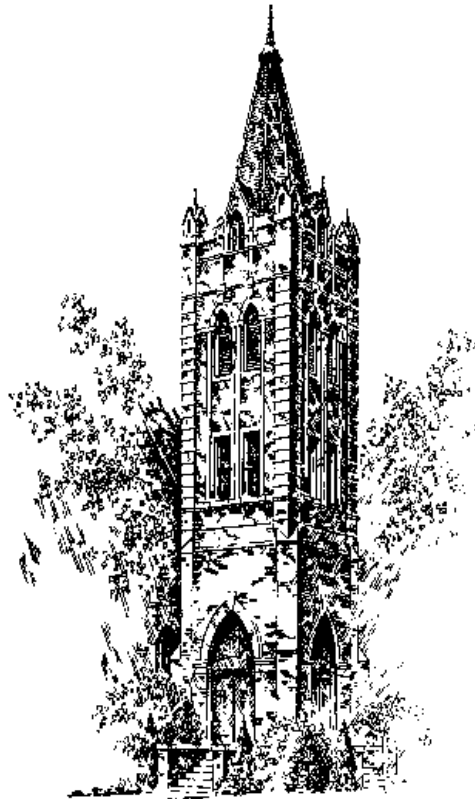
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11th, 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. You have come on a particularly important day in the life of The Church. Today is the day we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus up on the mountain.

Today we remember that Jesus took Peter, James and John and up on that mountain where they had a transforming experience. Peter, James and John were never the same again.

Is it possible that God is still taking us up the mountain? Is it possible that our mountain was a week at summer camp when we were teenagers? Or, perhaps our mountain was an encounter with God during a tough time in our lives. Mountains come in all shapes and sizes. The Holy Spirit is always seeking opportunities to change us from nominal believers to fully committed people of faith.

Perhaps this morning is the moment of transformation for you!

Open your heart and let the Holy Spirit speak to you.

Worship God this morning with the expectation that The Holy Spirit can and will change what you have been into who you shall be.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Diane Bish

*Call to Worship

from: Fresh Winds of the Spirit by Kavon Baylor

Pastor: Come to the mountaintop, all God's people;
leave all else behind to reach out to the Eternal.

People: **How shall we climb the mountain when we cannot walk
or reach spiritual heights while weighted down with cares?**

Pastor: In Christ, God brings the mountain top to us
and meets us, even in the depths of despair.

People: **We see a lamp shining in a dark place,
and the morning star rises in our hearts.**

Pastor: Pay attention to the signs through which God speaks;
for those with discernment, they are everywhere.

People: **The dazzling splendor of God's glory is real,
even to those who have no eyes.**

Pastor: Like a devouring fire, the Spirit sweeps through our midst,
and we are transformed in its glow.

People: **Let us come without fear or thoughts of favor,
opening ourselves to all God has in store for us.**

*Invocation

John Stanley, CRE

*Hymn of Praise # 15 *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Invitation to Confession

John Stanley, CRE

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God who gave his only Son for us. Amen.

Time with Children

Hillary Sessions

Pastor John Stanley

Scripture

2nd Kings 2:1-12

Pastor John Stanley

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

“Preparing for Death and Rebirth”

The Apostles' Creed (pg 35 in front of hymnal)

Anthem

“Go Up To The Mountain of God”

by Michael Helman

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion

Closing Prayer

***Communion Hymn # 507 “Come to the Table of Grace”**

An Invitation to Giving

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Offertory

“O Love, How Deep”

Paul Manz

***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:** When your glory expands our horizons and we learn to identify with all whom you love, this time of sharing becomes the most important occasion in our lives, O God. Move us beyond our own limited interpretation of your action in our midst, Heavenly Father. In awe and anticipation we offer ourselves and our substance toward the fulfillment of your divine law among humankind. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting** #157 *“I Danced in the Morning”*

(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, we do not mind if you exit reverently.)

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

Jack Jones

*Those who are able are requested to stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS



In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Essie Carmichael and Courtney Carmichael by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

***The Presbyterian Women are looking for additional houses in or around the Ocean Isle area to use for the PW Women's retreat March 8-10. If you have access to a house they may be able to borrow, please contact Lee McCanna or Lisa Adams.**

We will have an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary this Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 pm. For those who may not be able to make that service, Trinity Presbyterian will have one at noon.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a hot dog supper Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 pm. Take a night off from cooking and come enjoy food and fellowship with our church family. Please let Lisa know if you will attend by this Thursday the 15th. We can't wait to see you there!

Presbyterian Women take orders for Easter Lilies each year, given in honor of or in memory of a loved one, to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. There are forms available in the office lobby. Cost of the lilies is \$15.00 each. Make checks payable to: LPC-PW and bring your payment to the church office. You may also email your info to Delia Muse at deliamuse@gmail.com. Please give the name of the person(s) you are honoring or remembering and who is donating the lilies.

High school seniors can now apply for the Jane Graham McKay and Katherine Hill McKay Scholarship for church Members. Deadline is March 1, 2024. Apply here: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx> They may also visit the LPC website 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 or call or text At 910-277-6331.

UPCOMING:

Monday 2/12	6 pm Caddell-Nichols GRACE Group Gathering At Nichols' Home
Wednesday 2/14	1:30 pm PW Circle 3 5:30 pm CN&E Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday 2/18	9:45 am Sunday School for All 11 am Worship Service

The McRae Grace Group will gather Sunday February 25 at 3:30 pm at Scotia Village.

James A. "Jim" McNair, died January 31. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm Friday, February 16, in the Sanctuary. Visitation will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

February 11-17 Barbara Bateman
February 18-24 Heather Bounds
Feb 24-March 2 Becca Hughes

Bus Drivers:

February 11 Ed O'Neal
February 18 Scott Sellers
February 25 Earl Bowling

Sanctuary Committee:

*Sis Thomas Edna Ann Loftus
Miriam Bounds

Usher Team 4:

*Bradley Williams	Barbara Bateman
John Campbell	Will Clark
Mike Coughenour	David Herr
Wayne Hobbs	Michael Sellers
Jamie Sutherland	Drew Williamson

PEOPLE TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Randy Miller**, recovering at home.
- **Connie Harris**, home recovering after a stroke. She and Doug thank the congregation for their thoughts, prayers and support.
- **Pastor Sue Hudson**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Jim Bumgardner**, recovering from back surgery.
- **Wayne Hobbs**, recuperating at home.
- **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.
- **Sara Tezzi**, granddaughter of Sammy and Linda Simmons; continuing concerns.
- **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.
- **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