

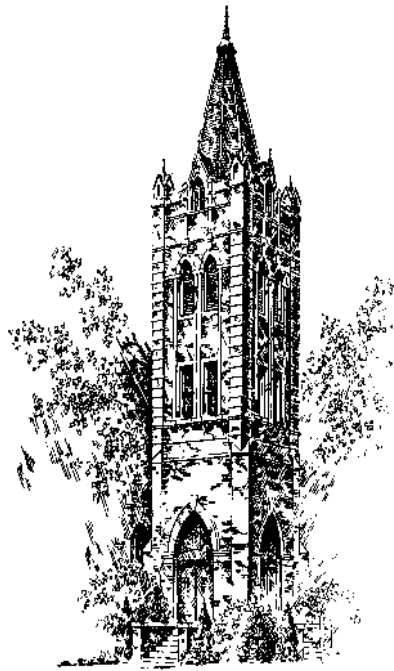
# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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 and Announcements

Rev. Rebekah

### Prelude

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

arr. Hal Hopson

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor John Stanley

Leader: How shall we come before our God?

**PEOPLE: We come to celebrate God's goodness and grace.**

Leader: As we worship, what does the Lord require of us?

**PEOPLE: God calls us to do justice and to love kindness.**

Leader: As we serve, what does the Lord require of us?

**PEOPLE: God calls us to walk and worship in humility**

Leader: Let us worship, love and serve each other. Amen

### \*Invocation

**\*Hymn of Praise # 49** *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving God, we do not readily open our hearts to others who are different from us. We want to follow the example set by Jesus to love everyone, but we are scared of the unknown and scared that we might lose ourselves. We fail so often to share your unconditional love with others. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us of Jesus' sacrificial love for us and all humanity. Strengthen us where we are weak, that we may faithfully respond to your call to love one another as you have loved us. Make us channels of your peace and people, who will build your kingdom of love and justice. 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

**Gracious God, your Word instructs us how we live and how we should grow in relationship with all you have created. Open our hearts to receive your Word of truth and may your truth lead to our liberation. May your Word help us to strive for justice, peace and equality for all people and set us on fire with love for you. Amen.**

Rev. Rebekah

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by Dori Collins

Directed by Casey Bell

Monica Hall, flute

Lee Harris, piano

Chancel Choir

**Handbell Choir:**

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Jaime Martinez

Robin Snead

Martha Fulton

Marcia Frohman

Carol Edwards

*Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.*

*Brothers and sisters by God's mercies, give yourselves:  
a living sacrifice to God.*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a might would I withhold.  
Holy to God. This is Worship.*

*Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet it's treasure store; take myself, and I will be,  
only, ever, all for thee. Holy worship!*

**The Apostle's Creed** pg 35 (in front of hymnal)

**\*Hymn of Worship #450** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## An Invitation to Giving

by Johann Crüger

### \*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**

**\*Hymn of Parting:** #826 “Lift High the Cross”

**\*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, we do not mind if you exit reverently.)*

**Postlude** “Fugue in G” by Henry Purcell

\*Those who are able are requested to stand

**2024 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

Clerk: Bob Dyer  
Moderator: Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**ELDERS**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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

**Members- Please stay for a short Congregational Meeting after the Postlude!**

**In lieu of flowers today**, the Fun Adult Sunday School Class has made a contribution to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of John Clark and his family, Howard, Emily and Jim Clark.

**The rose in the chancel is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Hewitt Reginald Fulton**, born February 14. Hewitt is the son of Megan and Sam Fulton and brother to Olivia.

**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](mailto:deliamuse@gmail.com). Please give the name of the person(s) you are honoring or remembering and who is donating the lilies.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for July 8,9, and 10 at the church, beginning with dinner each evening at 6 pm. We will be done each evening by 7:30. There will be activities for all ages including adults and we will have a baby nursery provided. On July 11th the whole church is invited for pizza and pool party at Scotch Meadows pool.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

On Palm Sunday after church there will be an Easter egg hunt for all children. Bring your basket. Members of the church are encouraged to provide plastic eggs to hide filled with surprises (non-chocolate candy, stickers, silly putty, etc.) You can drop off your eggs at the church office any time before March 24.

**The Mission Committee asks that you PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS to support the blessing box. The Mission Committee has had to buy items to stock the box due to lack of 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.

### **UPCOMING:**

<b>Today 2/25</b>	3:30 pm McRae GRACE Group at Scotia 6 pm Dyer-Eshleman-Dean GRACE Group at Dyer-Eshleman Home
<b>Monday 2/26</b>	5:30 pm PW Coordinating Meeting
<b>Tuesday 2/27</b>	6 pm Hughes GRACE Group at their Home
<b>Wednesday 2/28</b>	5:45 pm Session Meeting
<b>Thursday 2/29</b>	5:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday 3/3</b>	9:45 am Sunday School for All 11 am Worship Service

**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](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.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Deacon Greeters/Visitors:**

Feb 24-March 2 Becca Hughes  
Mar 3-9 Louise Mabry

### **Sanctuary Committee:**

\*Martha Floyd Susan Hartwell  
Betty Jackson Bette Sellers

### **Bus Drivers:**

**February 25** Earl Bowling  
**March 3** David Carmichael

### **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**

- **Catherine McLaurin**, hospitalized in Pinehurst.
- **Vivian Carter** is at Scotia Village for rehab following a fall.
- **Randy Miller**, recovering at home.
- **Connie Harris**, home recovering from a mild stroke.
- **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.
- **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