



Laurinburg Presbyterian Church  
Founded 1859

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Pastor John Stanley, CRE  
Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music  
Lee Harris, Organist

## Welcome

Welcome to worship at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. This morning we celebrate the Scouting Program that comprises a portion of our ministry to young people in the Laurinburg Community. Scouting has been a part of the ministry of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church for 75 years. Many of the leaders in our church today and also around the county learned their leadership skills in Troop #420. Today the Troop will participate in worship. This is important because the twelfth point of the Scout Law is: **A Scout is Reverent: A Scout is reverent toward God. Scouts are faithful in their religious duties and respect the beliefs of others.** If you know of a young person who would benefit from being a part of Troop #420, take it upon yourself to introduce them to the troop.

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

### Prelude

*"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"*

by Paul Manz

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 71)

Chris Walters

**Leader:** In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

**People:** **Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

**Leader:** O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**People:** **Upon you I have learned from my birth. My praise is continually of you.**

**Leader:** You are my strong refuge.

**People:** **My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.**

**Leader:** O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**People:** **I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.**

### \*Invocation

Chris Walters

**\*Hymn of Praise #275** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

### Invitation to Confession

Jay Lighthall

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

Jay Lighthall

Gracious God, in Christ, you were able to command us to love one another because Christ lived and breathed love in all he said and did. **Forgive us when we substitute ideas and words about love for its practice in our daily lives. Forgive us for justifying our lack of action by saying we do not know what words to say to people when they hurt or are in need. Forgive us for being so influenced by the 'noisy gongs' and 'clanging cymbals' of our age that we fail to discern your call to love others as you love us. Realign our lives**

**and hearts to your love so that faith, hope and love dwell within us, and may our lives testify that the greatest of your gifts is love. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Jay Lighthall

**Leader:** Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Leader:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of The Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**\*Congregational Response #581** *“Glory Be to the Father”*

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

Jay Lighthall

### **Invitation to Children**

Cullen Polk

### **Time with Children**

Cullen Polk

### **Responsive Reading: On My Honor**

Corey McIntyre

**Leader:** The paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**People:** **On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.**

**Leader:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you.

**People:** **On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.**

**Leader:** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good work and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**People:** **On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.**

**Leader:** Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple,

God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

**People:** **On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.**

**Leader:** Wisdom is the principal thing; Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word.

**People:** **On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.**

**Leader:** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### Prayer for Illumination

Corey McIntyre

### Anthem

*"There is Healing in the Name of the Lord"*

by Ken Dosso

*There is healing, in the name of the Lord. There is comfort, sweet forgiveness, tender mercy. There is healing, in the name of the Lord, in the sweet name of the Lord.*

*In spite of all the things you've done, no matter what you feel, you must run from, though you walk with your head hung in shame, there is no one who is unworthy to call on his name.*

*God's love is wider than all of our sin. God's love is deeper than the pit we fall in, compassion more than stars in the sky. If we call on our precious savior, Jesus answers our cry.*

*Wonderful, the Great I AM, Prince of Peace, Morning star, Good Shepherd, Jehovah saves, Holy One, the Son of Man, a friend of Sinners we will call on your name.*



**Scripture** Isaiah 40:21-31 Grant McCoy

**Commentary on The Word** “God’s Intimate Strength” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**\*The Apostles’ Creed** pg 35 (in front of hymnal) Tucker Ficklin

**\*Congregational Hymn #338** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

**Prayers of the People** Conley McIntyre

**An Invitation to Giving** Conley McIntyre

**Offertory** “On Wings of Hope” by Darwin Wolford

**\*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** Alex Medlin

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

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

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

*(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** “Toccata in C” by J.S. Bach

\*Those who are able are requested to stand



## **Boy Scout Troop 420 - Serving Scotland County Youth Since 1929**

Kris Coleman, Scoutmaster

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Dan Hamilton, Walker McCoy, Lee Gaunt, Page Pratt

Troop Committee

David Harling, Chair

Hew Fulton, Sam Fulton

Bill Purcell, Treasurer

Julie Hogan, Advancement Chair



## **Cub Scout Pack 420**

Chris McCoy, Cubmaster

Brook McCoy, Lion Den Leader

Chris McCoy, Wolf Den Leader

Kyle Gates, Bear Den Leader

David Haynie, Webelos Den Leader

Gus Purcell, Committee Chair

## **Boy Scout Oath or Promise**

On my honor, I will do my best: To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

## **Boy Scout Law**

A Scout is:

Trustworthy,

Loyal,

Helpful,

Friendly,

Courteous,

Kind,

Obedient,

Cheerful,

Thrifty,

Brave,

Clean,

and Reverent.

## **Boy Scout Motto**

Be Prepared!

## **Boy Scout Slogan**

Do a Good Turn Daily!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In lieu of flowers today**, a donation has been given in memory of Hammond Harling, former Scoutmaster of Troop 420 and Jean Harling, former Den Leader of Pack 420, by David and Ellen Harling.

**The LPC Annual Meeting will be February 25, following the Worship Service. Please plan to be here!**

**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.

### **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.

### **FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS**

Jan 28 – Feb. 3	Katie Clark
February 4-10	Wayne Hobbs
February 11-17	Barbara Bateman
February 18-24	Heather Bounds
Feb 24-March 2	Becca Hughes

### **Bus Drivers:**

January 28	Jamie Sutherland
February 4	John McRae
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

**The Fellowship Committee is planning the February Fellowship Meal for Wednesday, February 21.** We hope you will come and enjoy a hot dog dinner with our church family! Please RSVP to Lisa by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **UPCOMING:**

<b>Today 2/4</b>	12 pm O'Neal GRACE Group Gathering in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday 2/6</b>	3 pm PW Circle 2
<b>Sunday 2/11</b>	9:45 am Sunday School for All
	11 am Worship Service (Communion)
	2 pm Harling GRACE Group at Scotia Village

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSION PROJECT**

In response to much appreciation from the schools, The Presbyterian Women are continuing to collect new underwear, socks and sweatpants for Spring Hill and Carver middle schools to keep on hand. In addition to the items we have already been collecting, the following needs have been identified and would be appreciated:

- Tiny, cosmetic or pencil case bags, such as those you might get at a cosmetic counter as a free gift.
- Camisoles or tank tops for undershirts for girls.
- Deodorant for boys and girls
- Zip ties to use to keep pants up.
- Leggings for girls.
- Peppermint candy for sore throats.
- Croc-type slip-on shoes.

For Girls:

- Socks-Sizes 5-10
- Underwear-Sizes 6-10
- Sweatpants-Sizes M, L, XL

For Boys:

- Socks-Sizes 6-12
- (Boxers are rarely needed but they try to keep a few pair, M, L, XL on hand

**ANN STACK died Friday January 26, 2024.** There are no services planned.  
Ann's daughter, Sarah's address is 110 Stillhouse Rd, Hendersonville, TN 37075.

## **PEOPLE TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- **Randy and Mary Margaret Miller.** Randy is recovering from surgery to place a pacemaker.
- **Connie Harris**, being treated for a stroke at Scotland Memorial Hospital.
- **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.
- **Kathleen Purcell**, recovering at home after a stroke.
- **Ramona Wright**, at a skilled nursing facility in Cary.

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

**Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen):** Daphne Gaw