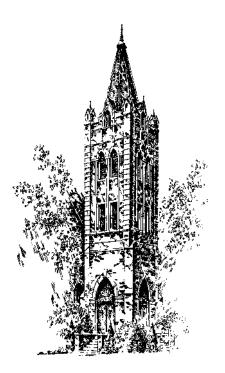
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352 Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 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

Pastor John Stanley

Prelude Variations on "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" by Lee Harris

*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; **PEOPLE: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: God gathers people from the east and the west, from north and south.

PEOPLE: We will thank God for such all-embracing love.

Leader: Let us praise God for all God's wonderful works.

PEOPLE: We will worship God and tell of God's deeds with songs of praise.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** # 14 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often take your acceptance of us for granted. We are careless in our relationships, focused on our own needs and desires. The news distracts us, and we put opinion above your expectations of us. Forgive us. Renew our understanding of your purposes and our place within them, so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day. 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

God of light and truth, speak to us through the Scriptures this day. By the Spirit working in us and among us, lead us to encounter your Living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 107:1-3 and 17-22

Anthem

"God So Loved the World"

by John Stainer

God so loved the world. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life, everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life. God so loved the world. God so loved the world. God so loved the world.

Scripture

Numbers 21:4-9

Commentary on The Word

"Hope"

Pastor John Stanley

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

*Hymn of Worship #353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Giving

Offertory "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" arr. 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

*Hymn of Parting #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*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

"Once to Every Man and Nation" Thomas J. Williams

*Those who are able are requested to stand

2024 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Clerk: Bob Dyer Moderator: Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

ELDERS

Class of 2025

Brian Bounds

Martha Fulton

<u>Class of 2024</u> Clifton Buie Debi Hobbs Jacque O'Neal Matt Sessions

Bear Hughes LeGette McLean <u>DEACONS</u> Class of 2025

<u>Class of 2024</u> Barbara Bateman Becca Hughes Kim Liles Scott Sellers Poppy Bounds-Youth (2024)

Heather Bounds Katie Clark Wayne Hobbs Louise Mabry Class of 2026 Bob Dyer Mike Edwards Bill Purcell II Emily Womble

Class of 2026 Katherine Campbell Carol Edwards Phil Eshleman Chip Wells

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 this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Winston Tornow by his family.

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 form and payment to the church office by March 18. 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

The March Fellowship Supper is Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm. Please bring your favorite salad (pasta, leafy, chicken, potato, etc) to share and/or a dessert. Please RSVP to the church office by this Wednesday, March 13.

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.

The Mission Committee will hold their next "Honey-Do Work Day" Saturday, March **23rd**. We will meet at the church at 9 am. Have a chore you need done at your house? Let Lisa in the church office know!

UPCOMING:	
Today 3/10	б pm Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday 3/13	3 pm PW Circle 3 at Scotia Village
	5:30 pm CN&E Committee Meeting
Sunday 3/17	9:45 am Sunday School for All
11 am Worship Service 5 pm Dyer-Eshleman-Dean GRACE Group Me	11 am Worship Service
	5 pm Dyer-Eshleman-Dean GRACE Group Meeting
	5:30 pm Williams GRACE Group Meeting

The Dyer-Eshleman-Dean GRACE Group Gathering will be hosted by Fred and Lynne Mabry at their home on Sunday, March 17, from 5 to 8 PM. Their address is 1305 Laurin Lane in Laurinburg. It will be the same menu as before with guests contributing finger foods and desserts. Please RSVP to Lynne and Fred by March 13th with your contribution. Hope to see you there!

Williams GRACE Group

Chip & Maggie Wells and Earl & Beverly Bowling are hosting our next gathering on Sunday March 17 at Scotch Meadows County Club Clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 pm. An Italian feast will be served. Please bring a dessert or your favorite St Patty's Day drink to share. Please RSVP to Maggie Wells at 910-277-6428 or email <u>mlmwells@yahoo.com</u> by March 7th.

2024 Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024 Total Pledges Received Thru 3/3/24 Pledge Difference Thru 3/3/24 Percent Received

MARCH VOLUNTEERS Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

March 10-16Phil EshlemanMarch 17-23Kim LilesMarch 24-30Chip WellsMarch 31-April 6Carol Edwards

Sanctuary Committee:

*Lynn Massey Sue Schulz Anne Sprouse Emily Womble \$342,575 \$85,290 \$257,285 25%

Bus Drivers:

March 10 Jamie SutherlandMarch 17 Chip WellsMarch 24 David HerrMarch 31 Bill Caudill

Usher Team 1:

*Richard Mabry	Earl Bowling
Danny Caddell	David Carmichael
David Harling	Bill Hill
Richard Massey	John McRae
Scott Sellers	Andy Womble

There will be a memorial service for Louise Leach, past long-time organist for FUMC, March 16 at 1:00 pm at FUMC with a reception following.

Prayer Líst:

- **Catherine McLaurin**, at home recovering after a hospital stay.
- **Vivian Carter** is at Scotia Village for rehab following a fall.
- Randy Miller, recovering at home.
- **Connie Harris,** home recovering from a mild stroke.
- Jim Bumgardner, recovering from back surgery.
- **Sammy Townsend**, friend of the congregation, at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Sanford after having a stroke.
- Janice Herndon, mother of Dawn Sellers, diagnosed with leukemia.
- 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.

<u>Scotia Village Skilled Nursing:</u> Mackey McCormick, Anne Ramsay Melton, Marie Love, Doug Hix, Elizabeth McIntosh

Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen): Daphne Gaw, Jean Clansky