

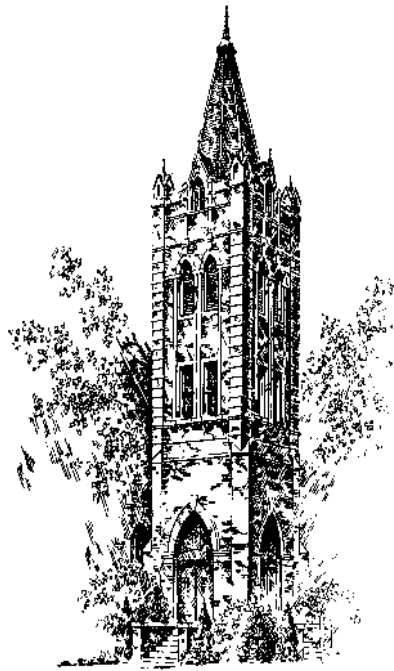
# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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

*"Wondrous Love"*

American Folk Hymn

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor John Stanley

Leader: Come, all who desire to know God.

**PEOPLE: We come, for we want to see Jesus.**

Leader: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

**PEOPLE: We come, for God is in our midst this day.**

Leader: So let us praise God's holy name.

**PEOPLE: We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul,  
and declare God's goodness to us.**

### \*Invocation

### The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Pastor John Stanley

**Charles Henry Brunnet**

Parents-Jake and Leslie Brunnet

### Hymn of Praise # 472 *"Kum ba Yah"*

### Invitation to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, as we draw closer to the Cross, we recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us. We get lost in our own concerns and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us. We find some people too difficult to care for. We think others unworthy of your love and ours. Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us, so that we find the courage to go on and the compassion to reach out in your name. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

**\*Congregational Response #582** *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

### \*Passing of the Peace

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, speaking through the Scriptures. Reveal your truth for our lives and our times, through Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.**

**Scripture**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

**Commentary on The Word**

*"God's Call"*

Rev. Rebekah

**Anthem**

*"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

arr. Jan Sanborn

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead,  
to heal the sinsick soul.*

*Sometimes you feel discouraged  
and think your work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
revives your soul again.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter,  
If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
and say, "He died for all."*

**\*Hymn of Worship #610** *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**An Invitation to Giving**

Jesus reminds us that a seed surrenders its life to the ground in order to bear fruit. What we surrender to God in our offering will also bear fruit in the world, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. As springtime begins this week, sow seeds of God's love as you offer your gifts to God.

**Offertory**

*"God of Second Chances"*  
Leigh Montague, solo, cello  
Zachary Peschken, piano

David Hass

v1 Solo  
v2 Women  
v3 Men  
v4 Choir  
v5 Choir  
v6 Congregation

**\*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**

**God of growth and new life, with our gifts we offer you our thanks and praise for the promise of spring and the promise of resurrection in Christ Jesus. With these gifts, accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as they bear fruit in the world you love, through Christ, our Lord.**

**\*Hymn of Parting #697 "Take My Life"**

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

**\*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**

*"Postlude on "St. Theodulph"*

Douglas Wagner

\*Those who are able are requested to stand

# THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

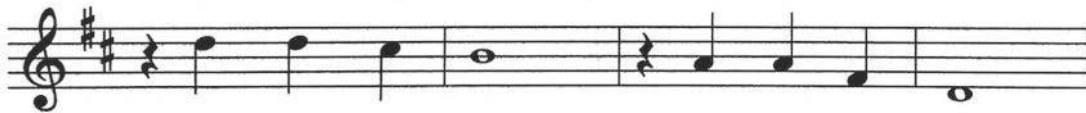
Tune: BEGINNING  
Words and Music by  
David Haas



1. Come now, O God of sec - ond
2. Come now, O God, re - lease our
3. Come now, O God, and still our
4. Come now, O God, shake our re -
5. Come now, O God, and grant com -
6. Come now, O God of sec - ond



chanc - es; o - pen our lives to heal.  
de - mons; o - pen our eyes to see  
an - ger; o - pen our minds to peace.  
sent - ment; o - pen our way to choose  
pas - sion; o - pen our hearts to love.  
chanc - es; may we for - give our - selves,



Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.  
the shame with - in, our guilt and pain.  
Em - brace our fear, and hold us close.  
the way of love o - ver re - venge.  
May we let go of all our hurt.  
may we be - come your liv - ing sign:



Save us from our - selves.  
Mend us; make us whole.  
Calm the storm with - in.  
Show us a new way.  
Help us to move on.  
Chil - dren of God's love.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers this Sunday** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and Lois Bateman and in honor of their anniversary on March 23<sup>rd</sup> by the 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 tomorrow, March 18. 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.

**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.**

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

### UPCOMING:

<b>Today 3/17</b>	5 pm Dyer-Eshleman-Dean GRACE Group Gathering 5:30 pm Williams GRACE Group Gathering
<b>Monday 3/18</b>	Deadline to Order Easter Lilies 6 pm Staff Relations Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday 3/20</b>	8 am Finance Committee Meeting 6 pm Fellowship Supper
<b>Friday 3/22</b>	Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday 3/23</b>	9 am Honey-Do Work Day
<b>Sunday 3/24</b>	9:45 am Sunday School for All 11 am Worship Service Easter Egg Hunt after Worship Service

**Remember, the March Fellowship Supper will be this Wednesday, March 20** at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks will be provided; bring your salad and/or dessert to share. There will be a kid's table with special kid-friendly fare also!

**The Dyer-Eshleman-Dean GRACE Group Gathering** will be hosted by Fred and Lynne Mabry at their home this evening 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. Hope to see you there!

### Williams GRACE Group

Chip & Maggie Wells and Earl & Beverly Bowling are hosting our gathering this evening, 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.

**There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children on Palm Sunday** after the Worship service at 11. Members of the church are encouraged to provide plastic

eggs filled with non-chocolate candy, stickers, etc. You can drop them off in the church office any time before Palm Sunday.

### **2024 Stewardship Update**

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 3/10/24	\$87,550
Pledge Difference Thru 3/10/24	\$255,025
Percent Received	26%

### **MARCH VOLUNTEERS**

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

March 10-16	Phil Eshleman
March 17-23	Kim Liles
March 24-30	Chip Wells
March 31-April 6	Carol Edwards

#### **Sanctuary Committee:**

*Lynn Massey	Sue Schulz
Anne Sprouse	Emily Womble

#### **Bus Drivers:**

March 10	Jamie Sutherland
March 17	Chip Wells
March 24	David Herr
March 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

## ***Prayer List:***

- **Catherine McLaurin**, at home recovering after a hospital stay.
- **Vivian Carter** is at home for rehab following a fall.
- **Randy Miller**, recovering at home.
- **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.

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

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

## **2024 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

Clerk: Bob Dyer  
Moderator: Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

### **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: Angela Purcell  
Secretary: Angela Purcell  
Treasurer: Delia Muse  
Historian: Dawn Sellers  
Moderator of Search Committee: Leslie Sellers