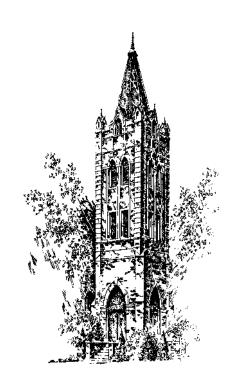
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352 Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 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

Please pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew and return it to its starting place. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we invite you to leave your contact information on the pad. This will give us the opportunity to share with you the work and witness of our community of faith—and to welcome you into our midst!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Stanley

Introit

Prelude "God's Love Sustains Us"

G.T. Thalben-Ball

*Call to Worship

Pastor John Stanley

LEADER: Let us sing to the Lord a new song, **PEOPLE:** for God has done marvellous things. LEADER: Let us make known the Lord's victory,

PEOPLE: for God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.

LEADER: Let us sing joyful praises,

PEOPLE: and join all creation to worship God's holy name.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter Pastor John Stanley

Izabella Louise Carpenter Auriana Grace Carpenter Olivia Diane Carpenter

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

TOGETHER, LET US PRAY:

Merciful God, we often find it difficult to love others as you command. We seek our own security before the wellbeing of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good. Forgive us. Redirect our priorities, and renew our commitment to live out your love, even when that demands more of us than we expect. (MOMENTS OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION). AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

^{*}Invocation

^{*}Hymn of Praise #395 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

^{*}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

Scripture Acts 10:44-48

Anthem "Come Holy Spirit"

Commentary on The Word "They Invited Him to Stay" Rev. Laura Lupton

*Hymn of Worship #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor John Stanley

An Invitation to Giving

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Lee Harris

*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

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

*Hymn of Parting #157 "I Danced in the Morning"

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Laura Lupton

*Benediction Response #486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (v 1)

(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 "The Rejoicing"

by Charles Callahan

*Those who are able are requested to stand

We welcome Rev. Laura Lupton today who is a 4th generation Presbyterian. She was ordained in 1995 by the Presbytery of East Tennessee and is currently on staff with our Presbytery serving the 60+ churches of the West Community. Her father was a Presbyterian Minister, and her mother is Elder Emeritus at Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN. She lives in Fayetteville and is (slowly) learning to play piano.

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

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julian and Clara Butler, Julian and Estelle Butler, Irwin and Margaret Montgomery, Mildred and Sam Snowdon, and Spencer Allen Miller by Mary Margaret Miller's family.

Presbytery Installation Service

You are invited to share in the joy of officially welcoming Rev. Rebekah as the Senior Pastor of LPC this afternoon at 3 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a light reception in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING:

Today 5/5 3:00 pm Installation Service for Rev. Rebekah

Tuesday 5/7Wednesday 5/83 pm PW Circle 2 at Shirley Pait's3 pm PW Circle 3 at Scotia Village

5:15 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting

Sunday 5/12 9:45 am Sunday School for All

11 am Worship Service

FOREMUSIC (Chris Fore) will hold their annual Spring Concert Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18 at the Storytelling & Arts Center of the Southeast (SACS) at 131 S. Main St. Doors open at 6pm and concert starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10, at the door. **All proceeds will benefit SACS and the Live Like Madison Foundation.**

Bring your food donations to the boxes in the vestibule outside the church office. There is a box for donations to Church Community Services, and one to stock our "Mission Box". Any sort of non-perishable food items, personal care items, and toiletries are appreciated.

2024 Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024 \$342,575 Total Pledges Received Thru 4/28/24 \$126,150 Pledge Difference Thru 4/28/24 \$216,425 Percent Received 37%

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

April 28-May 4 Katie Clark
May 5-11 Wayne Hobbs
May 12-18 Barbara Bateman
May 19-25 Heather Bounds
May 26-June 1 Becca Hughes

Sanctuary Committee:

*Jacque O'Neal Carolina Caddell Lynn Mason Kathy Williamson

Bus Drivers:

5-May	Bradley Williams
12-May	Randy Miller
19-May	Richard Mabry
26-May	Richard Massey

Usher Team 3:

*Allen McLaurin	Hal Jernigan
Penny McLaurin	Anne Sprouse
Gus Purcell	Gus Purcell II
Jackson Purcell	Clifton Buie
Jimmy Stubbs	Clint Willis
Gray Sellers	John McLaurin
Philip Eshleman	Jackson Medlin

Calling All Children!

The children of the church will be singing for the worship service on May 19th, Pentecost Sunday. There will be three rehearsals for this service; during Children's Church on May 5th and May 12th and at the fellowship dinner on May 15th. Their simple song will incorporate rhythm instruments and red streamers. Jaime Martinez and Jamal Pass will be helping our children learn their song. Please plan to be in church on May 19th so you can join the children's choir and please try to attend at least two of the practice sessions. Can't wait to hear our young folks making a joyful noise to help celebrate the birthday of the church!

Prayer List:

- **Katherine Tuck**, daughter of Jacque O'Neal, dealing with back problems.
- **Richard Zivitski**, father of our nursery attendant Bailey, dealing with health issues.
- **Penny McLaurin**, dealing with back problems.
- Catherine McLaurin, dealing with heart issues.
- **Beth Newbold**, continuing health concerns.
- **Connie Harris** appreciates the cards and prayers as she recovers.
- Randy Miller, recovering at home.
- 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

Scottish Pines: Jim "Sunbeam" Sutherland