

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 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

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Prelude

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

by Alec Rowley

*Call to Worship

Pastor John Stanley

One: Holy God, you call us to worship.

All: In your presence, we seek truth and forgiveness.

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you.

All: In your presence, we seek the grace to forgive one another.

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you, heart, body, mind and soul.

All: So we gather to offer you our prayer and praise with joyful thanks.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #32** *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, even though we know you are the Source of our lives, we confess we often turn our backs on you. We hear your Word but follow our own ways. We see others in need but prefer to meet our own needs first. We harbor anger and say things that cause others pain. In your mercy, forgive us, and restore us to right relationship with you and with one another. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response #581** *"Glory Be the Father"*

*Passing of the Peace

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

Prayer for Illumination

***Hymn of Worship #630** *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

Time with Children

Scripture

James 1:17-27

Commentary on The Word “Biblical Action” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Benjamin Harlan

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory “Lord, I Want to be a Christian” arr. Raymond Haan

***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** #39 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

***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 “Trumpet Tune” by Eleanor Whitsett

*Those who are able are requested to stand

CONGREGATION

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arranged by
BENJAMIN HARLAN

Words by ROBERT ROBINSON
Music from JOHN WYETH'S
REPOSITORY OF SACRED MUSIC

Majestically

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly

heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for
by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly
I'm con - strained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my

songs of loud - est praise; Teach me — some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home: Je - sus — sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to — wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, Sung by — flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
stran - ger, Wan - d'ring — from the fold of God; He, to
feel — it, Prone to — leave the God I love; Here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Frances Jernigan, Mary Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Davis by Hal Jernigan.

UPCOMING:

Monday 9/2 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
Wednesday 9/4 5:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Sunday 9/8 9:00 am Rally Day Breakfast
9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship Service (Casual Service)
Monday 9/9 5:45 pm BEG Committee Meeting
6:00 pm PW Salad Supper

2024 Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 8/18/24	\$241,372
Pledge Difference Thru 8/18/24	\$101,203
Percent Received	70%

Caring and Sharing Sunday

The first Sunday of each month will be "Caring and Sharing Sunday". Please bring non-perishable foods and personal care items to donate to Church Community Services and to stock our on-site mission box. Boxes will be available at the front of the Sanctuary for your donations.

Fun Adults Sunday School Class

The Fun Adults Class is starting off their Fall series with a two-class series by Rev. Roderic Frohman titled, "Hospitality as A Biblical Virtue and a Ministry Best Practice." Classes will take place on September 8 and September 15 in the Fun Adults Class classroom at 9:45 AM. These two classes will focus on both Old Testament and New Testament examples of hospitality. Old Testament hospitality tends toward a practice of integration into the covenant community. New Testament hospitality shows how the stranger becomes the guest, and then the host of the hospitality meal. Both traditions represented a challenge to ancient Semitic and Greco-Roman hospitality ethics. Rev. Frohman's Doctor of Ministry project was titled, "Pastoral Hospitality with Worship Visitors in a Multiracial Setting". It reflected the challenge of being a white pastor of a multiracial Presbyterian church in Gary, Indiana, a city which was 95% African-American.

Children and Their Parents Are Invited to a Communion Education Event

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) all are welcomed to the table to share in the Lord's Supper. All includes children. Laurinburg Presbyterian Church will be welcoming children to the table on World Communion Sunday, October 6th.

Children and their parents are invited to join us for a Communion Education Event on Sunday, September 29th 5:00-6:30pm. This will be a hands-on experience to learn about communion, to practice taking communion through passing of plates and intinction, and to explore the mystery of sharing in the bread and cup. A light supper will be provided.

Please call the church office to reserve your space. Parents should accompany their child/children. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Albrecht or Dwight Williams.

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

September 1-7 Louise Mabry
September 8-14 Phil Eshleman
September 15-21 Katherine Campbell
September 22-28 Chip Wells
September 29-Oct. 5 Carol Edwards

Bus Drivers:

9/1 Gus Purcell
9/8 Andy Womble
9/15 Eddie Carmichael
9/22 Bradley Williams
9/29 Brian Bounds

Sanctuary Committee:

*Celeste McRae Pat Ellis
Charlotte McLean Sis Thomas

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

Prayer List

- **Betsy Massey**, recovering after complications required a second surgery on her ankle.
- **G. Stewart Thrower**, brother of Sis Thomas, being treated for heart and other serious concerns.
- **Emery Boger**, son of Lillian Boger, hospitalized in Atlanta dealing with serious health concerns.
- **Meredith Bounds** appreciates continued prayers while undergoing 4 rounds of chemo treatments.
- **Catherine McLaurin**, recovering from a fractured hip in healthcare at Scotia Village.
- Update on **Everette Kelly**, from Clayton NC, 4-year old family member of a close family friend of John and Katherine Campbell who is dealing with liver cancer. He continues to have chemo and bloodwork weekly. He can go home in between chemo treatments. At this time he will be on a liver transplant list. The family is hoping that he will receive one in 2-3 weeks. Continued prayers for Everette.
- **Fletcher Kendall** of Atlanta, 7-year-old grandson of Paul and Judy Rush, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
- **Sammy Townsend**, friend of the congregation, at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Sanford.
- **Richard Zivitski**, father of our nursery attendant Bailey, dealing with health issues.
- **Beth Newbold**, continuing health concerns.
- **Sara Tezzi**, granddaughter of Sammy and Linda Simmons; continuing concerns.
- **Barbara Salzlein**, continuing health concerns.

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

Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen): Daphne Gaw

Scottish Pines: Jim "Sunbeam" Sutherland