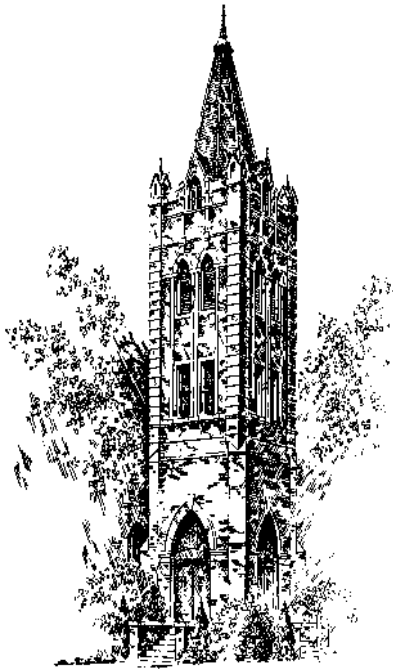


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 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

### Reception of New Members

Fred and Holly Albrecht  
Summer Bartholomew  
Tom and Judy Draper  
Jane Somerville

### Prelude

*"All Glory Be to God on High"*

by Paul Manz

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor John Stanley

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.

**All: We will worship the One who hears us.**

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

**All: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.**

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

**All: We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.**

### \*Invocation

\***Hymn of Praise** #664 *"Morning Has Broken"*

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of time and eternity, we confess that we have long memories, especially for moments we resent or regret. Each week we seek your forgiveness for our mistakes, but we confess we do not forgive others so faithfully. Sometimes we seek opportunity to even the score. Confront us with your mercy, O God, and open our hearts to its cleansing power. 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."

### Time with Children

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture** 1st Thessalonians 3:1-13

**Commentary on The Word** "Thank You" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**Anthem** "There is Room in My Father's House" by Joseph Martin

**\*Hymn of Worship #727** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

## **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

### **An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory** "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" by Dale Wood

### **\*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 #700** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response #853** "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*(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** "Fantasia" by John Stainer

\*Those who are able are requested to stand

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In lieu of flowers this Sunday**, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of all Presbyterian Women who have joined the church triumphant since All Saint's Day.

Katherine O'Mirra Mabry  
January 2, 1983 ~ December 14, 2023

Martha "Marty" Land Sutherland  
January 10, 1949 ~ January 22, 2024

Ann Brock Stack  
October 10, 1944 ~ January 26, 2024

## UPCOMING:

**Sunday 9/15** 9:45 am Sunday School For All  
11 am Worship Service (Covered Dish Meal Following for John Stanley)  
**Monday 9/16** 5:45 pm Mission Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm PW Salad Supper  
**Wednesday 9/18** 8 am Finance Committee Meeting

## 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.

**Worship Music and Arts Committee** is looking for new members to join our committee. We meet each month to discuss the many different aspects of Worship. We help plan for Worship services that are meaningful and are welcoming to everyone. This committee also plans for several special services throughout the year such as St. Andrews Sunday, Ash Wednesday, and Kirkin O' the Tartan. The music program at our Church is a very important part of this committee. We are blessed with a wide variety of beautiful and inspirational music that adds to every service. Please contact Jane McLaurin if you are interested in joining the Worship Music and Arts committee.

## 2024 Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 9/1/24	\$244,527
Pledge Difference Thru 9/1/24	\$98,048
Percent Received	71%

## 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  
Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30pm**

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 6<sup>th</sup>.

Children and their parents are invited to join us for a Communion Education Event on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS**

**Deacon Greeters/Visitors:**

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

**Bus Drivers:**

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
Alex Medlin	Anne Sprouse
Gus Purcell	Gus Purcell II
Jackson Purcell	Clifton Buie
Jimmy Stubbs	Charles Liles
Gray Sellers	John McLaurin
Philip Eshleman	Jackson Medlin
Jim Coughenour	

*Prayer List*

- **Betsy Massey**, currently hospitalized in Moore County after a small stroke.
- **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