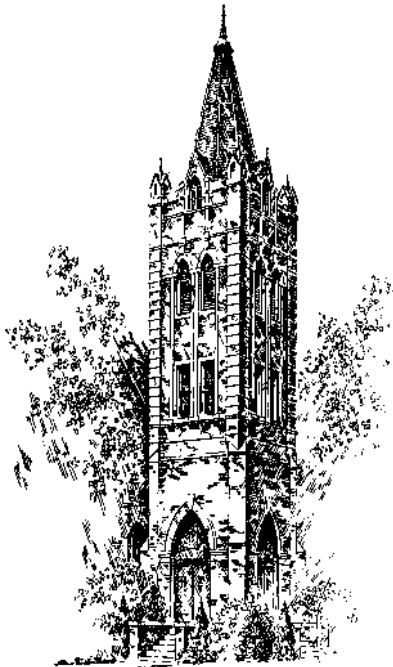


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

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

September 22, 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



**Commentary on The Word**

“Partnership”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**Anthem**

“Let Us Join Our Hearts”

by John Purifoy

**\*Hymn of Worship #450** “*Be Thou My Vision*”

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory**

**\*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 #772** “*Live into Hope*”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

\*Those who are able are requested to stand

***Something Old Something New!***  
***New Adult Education Programming Announced by***  
***Christian Nurture and Education Committee***

In addition to the ongoing “Fun Adults Class” and the “Men’s Bible Study Class”, held at their regular Sunday morning 9:45 AM times, the CN&E Committee is inaugurating several new adult faith formation programs beginning in October.

The newest feature will be an after-worship, in-depth adult educational event entitled, “Stay and Grow”. A light lunch will be served at Noon followed by the event/class which will conclude by 1:30 PM. The topics will vary from Bible, theology, ethics, spiritual discernment. A descriptive list is found below. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance through the church office.

The “Stay and Grow” events will be scheduled 2 to 3 times per month in October and November

The October “Stay and Grow” lunch series will be an introduction to the Old Testament led by Rev. Roderic Frohman, titled:

*From Legend to History: An Introduction to the Myth, Metaphor and Message of the Old Testament.*

October 6, 2024 *What Is the Pentateuch/Torah All About?*

October 13, 2024 *The Uses of Hebrew Scripture by Jews and Christians*

October 20, 2024 No class (Rod will be in Rochester, NY.)

October 27, 2024 *Israelite Religion in the Context of Her Neighbors*

The November series will be: *Islam 101: An Introduction to the Basic Tenants of Islam.*

The presenter will be Dr. Charles (Skip) Clark. At St. Andrew's University Skip was a Professor of History, and Chair of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences. At the University of West Georgia Skip was the Chair of the History Department and then Dean of the Graduate School. At Augusta University, he was Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Professor of History. He has taught Medieval and Early Modern European History, the History of Science, and Modern Middle Eastern History. Skip is a member of St. David's Episcopal Church.

November 3, 2024 *Introduction to Islam. Part # 1*

November 10, 2024 St. Andrew's Day Luncheon at Noon (no Stay and Grow class)

November 17, 2024 *Introduction to Islam Part # 2*

November 24, 2024 Thanksgiving Weekend (No Stay and Grow class)

December No "Stay and Grow" classes.

### ***New 9:45 AM Class Unveiled***

*The Christian Nurture & Education Committee (CN&E) is pleased to announce that a new 9:45 AM adult education class has been formed. It is called, "The Lectionary Class". The title comes from the Latin word meaning, "to read". This class is being led by Martha Fulton. The class focuses on the anticipated Scripture readings for each Sunday at the 11 AM worship service. Each Monday Martha will provide each participant thoughts from various writers and scholars. Participants can thus study in advance for the Sunday morning class. To receive the reading materials in advance please contact Martha Fulton at: [marthafulton@gmail.com](mailto:marthafulton@gmail.com)*

### ***New Yardstick to Measure Adult Faith Development Content***

The CN&E committee is suggesting the following categories as a way to identify, broaden, and maintain diversity of topics in LPC adult faith development classes.

- *Bible in the Reformed tradition*
- *Christian Foundations -- theology and church history.*
- *Church in Society --Social issues, ethics, mission*
- *Worship Music and Arts—possibly linked with choir's seasonal music*
- *Christian Living—Spiritual Discernment, Family Faith Formation for Parents*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Children's Sunday School

This fall we are studying some stories from the Old Testament. Please join us for Bible study, crafts, playtime together and snacks.

## Fun Adults Sunday School Class

Henrietta Carmichael will lead our class September 22 and 29. Her topic will be "Preparation Equals Gifts", the importance of "End of Life Planning". Most of us don't like to think about the end of life. However, it is a reality and the more we prepare and deal with the issues, the more we give a gift to our families. All are welcome!

**The Staff Relations Committee** (SRC) is pleased to announce a new staff position for our church, and that position is the Director of Christian Education and Congregational Support. The desired skillsets include a background and experience in multi/intergenerational Christian Education, a working knowledge in social media, being able to train and to coordinate volunteers, and being able to develop, to implement, and to lead programming activities. The complete job description will be provided to applicants upon receiving their application. This position is a part time position. Interested persons may apply immediately by submitting a letter of interest and a resume to the SRC.

## Children and Their Parents Are Invited to a Communion Education Event Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm

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> 5:00-6:30 pm. 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.

## UPCOMING:

<b>Monday 9/23</b>	5:45 pm Mission Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday 9/25</b>	5:30 pm Session Meeting
<b>Thursday 9/26</b>	5:30 pm membership Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday 9/29</b>	9:45 am Sunday School For All 11 am Worship Service

## Williams GRACE Group

Please join us for our Fall Gathering of our Grace Group on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the home of Bradley & Sarah Williams. Pizza and salad will be served. Please RSVP by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Hope everyone will come and enjoy the food and fellowship

## 2024 Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 9/15/24	\$252,292
Pledge Difference Thru 9/15/24	\$90,283
Percent Received	74%

## **WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS**

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

August 25-31	Becca Hughes
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

### **Sanctuary Committee:**

*Celeste McRae	Pat Ellis
Charlotte McLean	Sis Thomas

### **Bus Drivers:**

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

### **Usher Team 3:**

*Allen McLaurin	Hal Jernigan
Alex Medlin	Anne Sprouse
Gus Purcell	Gus Purcell II
Fred Albrecht	Clifton Buie
Jimmy Stubbs	Charles Liles
Gray Sellers	John McLaurin
Philip Eshleman	Jackson Medlin
Jim Coughenour	

### ***Prayer List***

- **Elijah**, son of Kristi, new Executive Director of Family Promise, fighting to recover from a terrible car accident.
- **Norma McKeithan**, who fell and fractured her pelvis.
- **Betsy Massey**, currently hospitalized in Moore County after a small stroke.
- **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