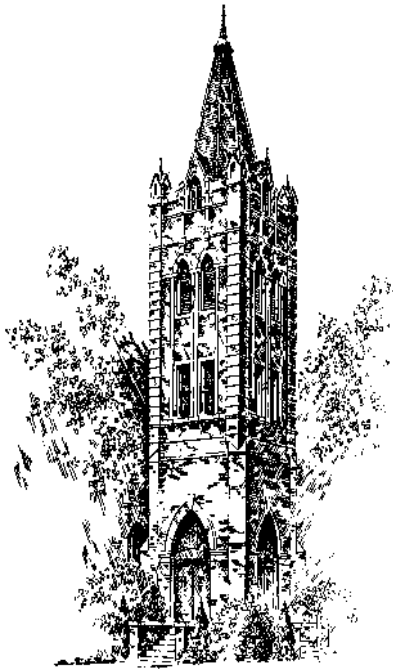


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday After Pentecost

September 29, 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

Pastor John Stanley

Minute for Mission

Kim Liles

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

One: We are called together

All: To worship God as the people of God.

One: God calls us by name and knows what rests in our minds and our hearts, and calls us:

All: To worship God as the people of God.

One: We come yearning to be transformed and redirected to paths of justice and in ways of love so that in truth we can turn to God:

All: To worship God as the people of God.

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise #41** *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, and not sought peace or worked for justice. We confess that in our arrogance where there was laughter, we stifled it; where families lived warmly together, we did not encourage them, and where there was dignity, and we stole it. We repent of our past sins and pray for the strength to walk a new good way with you and one another. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***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

Dr. Hillary Sessions

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 124

***Hymn of Worship #451** *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

New Testament Scripture James 5:13-20

Commentary on The Word “Above All Else” Pastor John Stanley

Anthem

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** #753 *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”*

***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

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

Please pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew and return it to its starting place. If you are worshipping 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!

POSTPONED! The Communication Education Event scheduled for this coming Sunday evening, September 29, has been postponed. Please watch your upcoming weekly announcements for the rescheduled date!

Caring and Sharing Sunday is Next Week! 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.

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.

UPCOMING:

Wednesday 10/2 5:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Sunday 10/6 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship Service
12 pm Stay and Grow Class
5 pm William GRACE Group
5-6:30 pm Peacemakers

Williams GRACE Group

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

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

September 29-Oct. 5	Carol Edwards
October 6-12	Kim Liles
October 13-19	Scott Sellers
October 20-26	Poppy Bounds
October 27-Nov. 2	Katie Clark

Sanctuary Committee:

*Kim Liles	Delia Muse
Katie Clark	Katherine Campbell

Bus Drivers:

9/29	Brian Bounds
10/6	Richard Mabry
10/13	Richard Massey
10/20	David Bounds
10/27	Jim Willis

Usher Team 3:

*Bradley Williams	Barbara Bateman
John Campbell	Will Clark
Mike Coughenour	David Herr
Wayne Hobbs	Paul Rush
Michael Sellers	Jamie Sutherland
Bradley Williams	Drew Williamson

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%

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 at physical rehab 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, John and Henrietta Carmichael

Scottish Pines: Jim "Sunbeam" Sutherland



IMPORTANT

>>> ANNOUNCEMENT <<<

"PEACEMAKERS"

Fellowship for children of all ages

October 6th, 5:00-6:30

Dinner, games, crafts, fun!

Call Lisa at 910-276-0831 to sign up!