

**Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**  
600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 17, 2024

**Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action**



Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education  
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**

Christmas Cheer

Wayne Hobbs

**Prelude**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*  
LPC Handbell Ensemble

NUN DANKE ALLE GOTT  
arr. Anna Laura Page

### CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: The God of wisdom calls us to worship;

**People: In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

**People: In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.**

PASTOR: The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;

**People: In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!**

PASTOR: Let us worship God together.

**People: Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!**

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise # 475**

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

NETTLETON

arr. Benjamin Harlan

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of justice and mercy, you call us to take part in our community, loving our neighbors and serving your purposes. We confess this is easier said than done. We often sit in judgement of those who serve in public life, criticizing any who fall short of our expectations. Yet we confess we too fall short of your loving purpose for us. Forgive us when we have been too quick to criticize, and too slow to join in what needs to be done. 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**

Dr. Hillary Sessions

**Prayer for Illumination**



\*Those who are able are requested to stand

*Guest Musicians*

Jane McLaurin, flute  
Tim Altman, trumpet  
Cameron Collar, trombone

*LPC Handbell Ensemble*

Jaime Martinez, Robin Snead, Delia Muse, Martha Fulton, Marcia Frohman, Malia Rhea,  
Gardner Rhea, Carol Edwards, Lee Harris

## *Prayer List*

- **Sis Thomas**, in healthcare at Scotia Village after a hospital stay.
- **Clint Willis**, recovering, at home, from a hospital stay.
- **Jane Somerville**, receiving Hospice routine home care.
- **LeGette McLean**, dealing with health concerns.
- **Elijah**, son of Kristi, Executive Director of Family Promise, fighting to recover from a terrible car accident.
- **Betsy Massey**, recovering after a small stroke.
- **Meredith Bounds** appreciates continued prayers.
- **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.
- **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, Norma McKeithan

**Scottish Pines:** Jim “Sunbeam” Sutherland

## 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!*

**The flowers this Sunday** are given in loving memory of D. J. and Dot McCormick by the family.

**The November Thanksgiving Fellowship Supper** is this Wednesday, November 20 at 6 pm. BBQ, bread and desserts will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring your favorite holiday sides to share. Please let Lisa know that you will come. St. Andrews students will be with us to share a little about their campus experiences, so bring extra food to share!

### UPCOMING:

**Today 11/17** 12 pm Stay and Grow Class and Lunch  
4 pm Handbells at Scotia Village  
**Monday 11/18** 6 pm PW Circle 4 at Jacque O'Neal's  
**Tuesday 11/19** 5:45 pm Mission Committee Meeting  
**Wed. 11/20** 3 pm PW Circle 3 at Scotia Village  
6 pm Fellowship Meal  
**Thursday 11/21** 5:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting  
**Sunday 11/24** 9:45 am Sunday School For All  
11 am Worship Service (Congregational Meeting Following)

### The Fun Adult Sunday School Class

Debi Hobbs will teach three classes on The Poetry of Mary Oliver: A Celebration of God's Creations on November 17 and December 1 and 8. On November 24, Jose Rivera will discuss Vivaldi's Gloria, which the choir will sing on December 8. Please join us for these interesting topics!

### Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been scheduled for November 24th immediately following worship for the purpose of electing four Elders and four Deacons to the class of 2027. We will also elect the Nominating Committee to serve in 2025.

The nominations committee is pleased to nominate the following people who have agreed to serve if elected.

#### Office of Deacon:

Fred Albrecht  
Miriam Bounds  
Hillary Sessions  
Debra Sutherland

#### Office of Elder:

Kirsten Dean  
Susan Hartwell  
Pam Hill  
Bradley Williams

#### 2025 Nominating Committee

##### Nominations:

Bob Dyer, Chair  
Brian Bounds  
Beverly Bowling  
Katie Clark

## Let's Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!

November 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am- Meet in the Sanctuary to adorn the windows with candles and greenery and hang our wreaths on the doors.

November 25<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm- Bring your family and help hang the Chrismon ornaments on the trees.

We especially need those who are willing and able to climb a ladder. Cookies for after! Come and join in the fun!

### **Stewardship Update**

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 10/27/24	\$297,822
Pledge Difference Thru 10/27/24	\$44,753
Percent Received	87%

### **2025 Stewardship Planning**

2025 Pledges Needed to Balance Budget	\$465,776
Actual Pledges Received Thru 11/11/24	\$292,140
Difference	\$173,636
Percentage	63%
Actual pledges received in 2024	86
Actual 2025 pledges received thru 10/27/24	63

### **Christmas Cheer is Here!**

You may have noticed the familiar Christmas tree outside of the sanctuary, brimming with tags representing gifts for families in our communities. Please take some tags, shop for gifts for these families, and have the gifts back to the church office by December 9, with the original tree tags attached. As they have done the past couple years, the Deacons will hold a luncheon for the families on December 14, where they will take their gifts home.

### **Advent Workshop**

Mark your calendar for the Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00-6:00pm. Make an advent wreath and banner. Take a family nativity photo. Enjoy dinner with your church family. Birdfeeders, ornaments, Christmas cookies, and lots more! Please RSVP to the church office and let us know you are coming. Thank you for dropping your old Christmas cards in the church office. We will repurpose them for you for a craft at the Advent Workshop.

#### **NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

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

October 27-Nov. 2	Katie Clark
November 3-9	Wayne Hobbs
November 10-16	Barbara Bateman
November 17-23	Heather Bounds
November 24-30	Becca Hughes

##### **Sanctuary Committee:**

\*Maggie Wells      Meredith Bounds

#### **Bus Drivers:**

11/3	Allen McLaurin
11/10	John McRae
11/17	Ed O'Neal
11/24	Scott Sellers

#### **Usher Team 1:**

*Richard Mabry	Earl Bowling
Danny Caddell	David Carmichael
David Harling	Bill Hill
Richard Massey	John McRae
Scott Sellers	Andy Womble