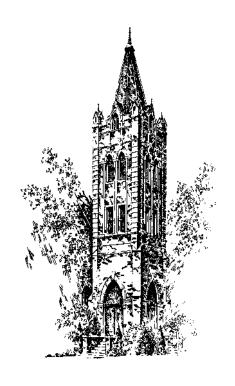
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Christ the King/Reign of Christ November 24, 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

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

Special Guest Introductions

Kaitlyn Ybarro & Bailey Grace

Lynn Massey

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress"

Martin Luther

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Mac Doubles

One: Say among the nations that God reigns.

All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

One: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

All: God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.

One: So let us worship God with praise and honor.

All: We will offer God our gratitude for all that God has done.

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week, but we confess we're not really clear on what that means. Will you come to set things straight in the world? Will you bring all things to an end or offer us a new beginning? Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with your purposes for your people. Teach us how to live out your truth. 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

^{*}Invocation

^{*}Hymn of Praise #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

^{*}Hymn of Worship #753 "Make me a Channel of Your Peace"

Scripture Mark 6:9-13 Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Commentary on The Word "The Lord's Prayer" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter Rev. Dr. Mac Doubles

Anthem "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Arr. Joel Navarro

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Communion
Closing Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory "Meditation" Mark Anderson

Zachary Peschken, organist

*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)

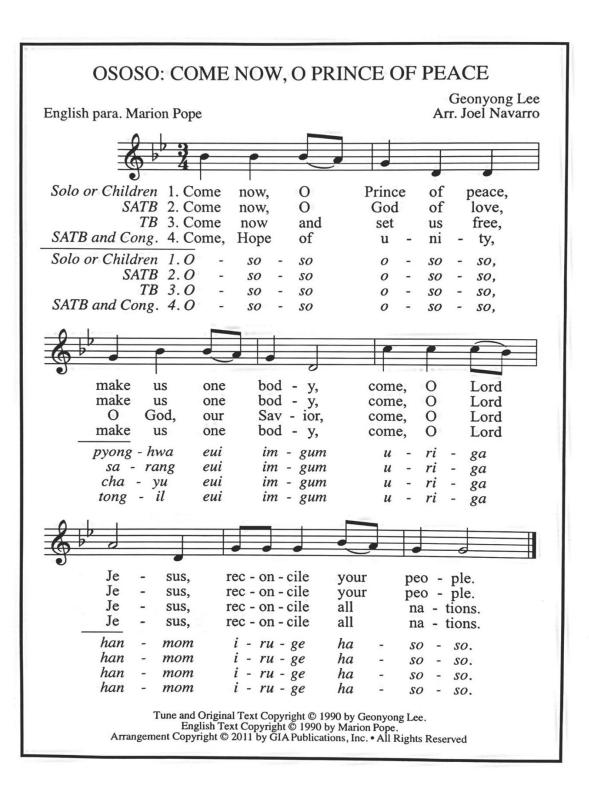
*Hymn of Parting #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*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 "Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Albin Whitworth

^{*}Those who are able are requested to stand



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

Monday 11/25 9 am Decorating the Church for Christmas

5 pm Decorating the Church for Christmas 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting

11/27-11/29 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed

Sunday 12/1 9:45 am Sunday School For All

11 am Worship (First Sunday of Advent)

4-6 pm Advent Workshop

The Dyer-Eshleman-Dean GRACE Group will meet December 15th at 6pm at the Dyer-Eshleman Home.

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Please bring your Christmas Spirt & Christmas Voice to our next Grace Group Gathering. On Sunday December 15th at 4:00 pm, we will meet at Bradley & Sarah Williams' home and load up in a LPC Bus to go Christmas Caroling to LPC Shut-Ins. After our singing tour, we will return to the Williams house for pizza and salad. Please RSVP by December 8th. Hope everyone will be able to join us for fun and fellowship.

-Bradley & Sarah Williams

The Rose in the Chancel is in celebration of the birth of Alyssa McKenzie Iezzi on November 18 at 4:45 pm. Alyssa is the daughter of Rachel and Mike Iezzi and the granddaughter of Bear and Becca Hughes.

Congregational Meeting

Members, please remain in the Sanctuary for a brief congregational meeting after the service, 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 Nomination 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 2025 Nominating Committee Nominations:

Bob Dyer, Chair Brian Bounds Beverly Bowling Katie Clark

Office of Elder:

Kirsten Dean Susan Hartwell Pam Hill Bradley Williams

Coats for Western NC

Wayne Hobbs will be making a trip to take a load of coats this coming Tuesday. If you have warm coats to donate, please drop them off in the church office by noon on Tuesday.

Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 11/17/24	\$309,294
Pledge Difference Thru 11/17/24	\$33,281
Percent Received	90%

2025 Stewardship Planning

2025 Pledges Needed To Balance Budget	\$465,776
Actual Pledges Received To Date	\$401,780
Actual pledges received in 2024	86
Actual 2025 pledges received to date	76

Advent Workshop

Mark your calendar for the Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 1st 4:00-6:00 pm. 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.

Sharing and Caring 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.

The Fun Adult Sunday School Class

- Join us for a special session of The Fun Adults this Sunday, November 24th, at 9:45 am in the choir room! Led by our talented Choir Director, José Rivera, this class will explore Vivaldi's *Gloria*, which the choir will sing on December 8, through both music and engaging discussion. Together, we'll dive into the beauty of this composition, its spiritual significance, and its relevance to our worship experience. Come ready to learn, sing and share in this joyful time of fellowship and reflection. All are welcome!
- 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.
- The Fun Adult Sunday School Class invites the congregation to attend a Carol Sing on Sunday, December 15, at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. A devotional will be led by Dwight Williams. We hope you'll join us!

Christmas Cheer is Here!

The Christmas Cheer Tree is located in the lobby in front of the church office, 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. This is an exciting time of the year and the Deacons look forward to your help!

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

November 24-30 Becca Hughes

Sanctuary Committee:

*Maggie Wells Meredith Bounds

Lee McCanna

Bus Drivers:

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

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

December 1-7 Louise Mabry
December 8-14 Phil Eshleman
December 15-21 Katherine Comph

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December 22-28 Chip Wells
Dec. 29-Jan. 4 Carol Edwards

Sanctuary Committee:

*Sis Thomas Sharlene McLaurin Angela Purcell Susan Wentz

Bus Drivers:

12/1	Earl Bowling
12/8	David Carmichael
12/15	Jamie Sutherland
12/22	Chip Wells
12/24	Need Volunteer
12/29	David Herr

Usher Team 2:

*Brian Bounds
David Bounds
Walt Bounds
Bob Dyer
Boyd McLaurin
Ed O'Neal
Bill Purcell, II
Charles Bounds
Turner Bounds
Eddie Carmichael
Jim Mason
Randy Miller
Kevin Patterson
Chip Wells

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.

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

<u>Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen):</u> Daphne Gaw, John and Henrietta Carmichael, Norma McKeithan

Scottish Pines: Jim "Sunbeam" Sutherland

Let's Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!

November 25th - 9:00 am

Meet in the Sanctuary to adorn the windows with candles and greenery and hang our wreaths on the doors.

November 25*- 5:00pm

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!