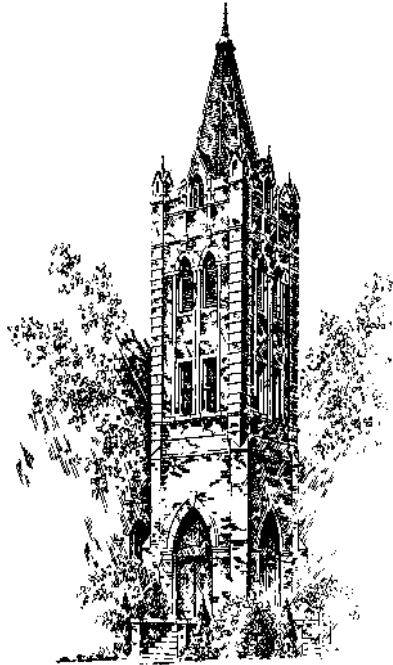


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday After Christmas

December 29, 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

Angell Buie

Prelude

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

by Raymond Haan

*Call to Worship

Leader Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

All: Praise God, sun and moon!

Leader: God's name alone is exalted;

All: God is above the earth and heaven.

Leader: Young and old together, all creatures great and small,

All: Let us praise God's holy name, now and evermore!

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #143 *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

(Silent prayers of confession)

God of our lives and the time in which we live, we confess that we prefer our fantasy to your truth, and our plans to your purposes for us and the world. We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments, and guide us always so that we might walk in your way and follow the way of your son now and always; through the steadfast grace of Christ, 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

Angell Buie

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Anthem *“Joseph’s Song”* by Michael Card
Stuart Carmichael, solo

New Testament Scripture Colossians 3:12-17

Commentary on The Word *“Peace, Patience and Unity”* Angell Buie

***Hymn of Worship #137** *“Love Came Down”*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory *“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”* by Charles Ore

***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 #113** *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

***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 *“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”* by Johann Pachelbel

*Those who are able are requested to stand

Save the dates!!

January 2025 Three New Member Classes

*After worship Lunch*and Learn Opportunity*

Noon to 1:30 PM

For new members especially but all members are welcome

Child Care provided*

January 12, 2025 - Noon

“What’s so unique about being a Presbyterian?”

Revs Rebekah Carpenter and Roderic Frohman will lead a presentation/discussion on “Reformed” theology, emphasizing the distinguishing marks of being a Presbyterian vs. the traditions of our Baptist, Lutheran, Catholic, etc. sisters and brothers in the faith.

January 19, 2025 - Noon

“What’s so unique about Laurinburg Presbyterian Church?”

We have a rich tradition in Scotland County among all congregations. Some of our member-historians will lead us in a presentation/discussion of the highlights of our past and our unique role in Laurinburg as a catalyst of the development of significant institutions including St. Andrews University, Church Community Services and, most recently, Family Promise of Scotland County.

January 26, 2025 – Noon

“What is church membership all about?”

This class will highlight what it means to commit to being a church member spiritually and through stewardship of time, talents, service and finances. Charles Bounds will offer a transparent look at how we handle finances at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church.

*Lunch and Child Care: Please call Lisa Adams in the Church office, 910 276 0831, to reserve your lunch spot and/or need for child care. Yes, lunch will be provided for the children too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

Wednesday 1/1 Church Office Closed
Sunday 1/5 9:45 am Sunday School for All
11 am Worship
Tuesday 1/7 3 pm PW Circle 2 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 1/8 5 pm Worship Committee Meeting

SAVE THE DATES!! For new members especially but all members are welcome.

January 12,19,26-Three new member classes will be held after worship, Noon to 1:30 PM
*Lunch and Child Care: Please call Lisa Adams in the Church office, 910 276 0831, to reserve your lunch spot and/or need for child care. Lunch will be provided for the children too.

Sunday School Information:

- The Fun Adult Sunday will resume on January 5. Please join us!
- Children through 5th graders mark your calendar for **Peacemakers, January 5th 5:00-6:30 pm**. Join us for games, dinner, music, and Bible time. Parents take an hour to enjoy a cup of coffee at Starbucks, read a book, or run an errand without your little ones.
- **Communion Education for children and their parents** will be February 23rd. Children will be received at the table on Sunday, March 2nd

SAVE-THE-DATE for our Presbyterian Women's Retreat March 7-8. Hadley Horne-Kifner will be leading our retreat. Hadley is a Laurinburg native, currently serving as the Associate Pastor for Spiritual Nurture at the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. I had the pleasure of teaching Hadley in high school, and her wisdom even at that age was something special. I can't wait to see and hear what she plans to share in March. We will have a social that Friday night (March 7) and the retreat on Saturday (March 8) in our LPC fellowship hall. Angela Purcell, PW Moderator

Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Received Thru 12/22/24	\$334,155
Difference Thru 12/22/24	\$8,420
Percent	98%

2025 Stewardship Planning

2025 Pledges received to date	\$414,080
2025 Budgeted Other Income	\$49,000
2025 Budgeted Inco	\$463,080
2025 Budgeted Expenses	\$492,076
Additional 2025 pledges needed	\$28,996

Pledges received in 2024	86
2025 pledges received to date	81

The LPC Mission Committee invites you to partner with us and Total Women's Outreach Ministries in their annual coat drive for kids. Bring in NEW coats of any size to the church office through January 12.

The Ladies who lunch will meet Wednesday, January 22 at 12:30 pm at Railroad Bar and Grill. We hope you'll take a break in the new year and join us for some fellowship and fun. If you plan to attend, please let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know.

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

January 5-11 Katie Clark
January 12-18 Wayne Hobbs
January 19-26 Louise Mabry

Usher Team 2:

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

Sanctuary Committee:

*Edna Ann Loftus Miriam Bounds
Laurene Stubbs Sarah Williams

Bus Drivers:

1/5 Andy Womble
1/12 Michael Sellers
1/19 Gus Purcell

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.
- **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, Jean Clansky

Scottish Pines: Jim "Sunbeam" Sutherland