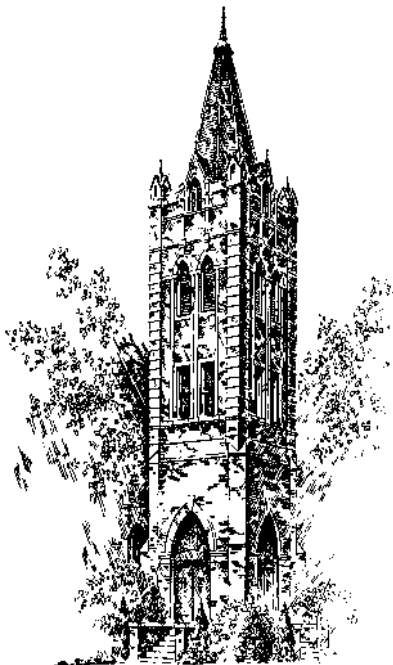


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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

Prelude

"O Come All Ye Faithful"
LPC Handbell Ensemble

arr. Lloyd Larson

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

"Peace"

The Bounds Family

Special Music

"Light of Hope, Light of Peace"
LPC Children's Choir
Choristers Guild

Mark Patterson

*Call to Worship

Dr. Fred Mabry

Leader: A voice in the wilderness cries out:

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low.

People: The crooked shall be made straight, and rough places, smooth.

Leader: A voice in the wilderness cries out:

People: All people shall see the salvation of God!

Leader: Lift up your hearts in expectation!

People: We will lift up our praise to the One who is coming into the world once more.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #106** *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"*

*Passing of the Peace

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

Scripture

Special Music

"Gloria"

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria, (choir)

Et in Terra Pax (choir)

Laudamus Te (soprano & alto)

Domine Fili Unigenite (choir)

Qui Sedes (alto)

Domine Deus (soprano)

Quoniam Tu Solus Sanctus (choir)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Caroling Medley"

arr. Sharon E. Rogers

***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.

Special Music

"Fantasia on Christmas Carols"

Gustav Holst

Rebekah Carpenter, soprano

Rebecca Loar, mezzo-soprano

Gardner Rhea, bass

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Parting # 119** *"Hark! the Herald Angel Sing"*

***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

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

arr. Margaret Tucker

LPC Handbell Ensemble

**Those who are able are requested to stand.*

Guest Musicians

Siana Wong, violin
Maria Manning, violin
Jacob Bandy, viola
Cori Trenczer, cello
Tim Altman, trumpet
Monica Hall, flute
Joseph VanHassel, timpani

LPC Chancel Choir

Ayden Bailey
Casey Bell
Summer Bartholomew
Rebekah Carpenter
Stuart Carmichael
Mac Doubles
Pat Ellis
Martha Fulton
Monica Hall
Bear Hughes
Rebecca Loar
Virginia McCormick
Tyrone McLean
Jamal Pass
Bill Purcell
Jaime Martinez
Zachary Peschken
Gardner Rhea
Larry Schultz
Portia Tetteh
Shandi Tilson
Susan Wentz
Susan Williams
Emily Womble

LPC Handbell Ensemble

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

energy. intelligence. imagination. and love

2025 Officer Training

for new and returning elders and deacons

Saturday, January 11, 2025

First Presbyterian, Carthage

110 S Ray St, Carthage, NC 28327

- 9:30-9:45 Registration
9:45-10 Gathering Worship
10-12 Jerrod Lowry - the *Book of Order*
& the *Book of Confession*
12-12:45 Lunch
12:45-2 Cassandra Thomas - Matthew 25

register by Tuesday, January 7

<https://forms.office.com/r/AK09Vp5Kze>



presented by the West Steering Committee
and hosted by John Hall Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The loose plate offering today will go to our choir scholarship fund.

Congratulations to Sis Thomas and family, upon the birth of her great-grandson Miles Oliver Angry. Miles was born December 2nd to Sis' granddaughter Sarah and her husband Reggie in Durham.

UPCOMING:

Monday 12/9 Christmas Cheer Gifts Due!
5:45 pm BEG Committee Meeting
6 pm PW Circle 4 Meeting at Susan Williams'

Wed. 12/11 8 am Finance Committee Meeting
5:30 pm CN&E Committee Meeting

Sunday 12/15 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship (Lessons and Carols)
GRACE Groups Meeting- See Below

The Sellers' GRACE Group will meet December 15th from 5-7 pm at the home of the McQueen's. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

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

HO HO HO!!!

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

Christmas Cheer Gifts Are Due Tomorrow!

Please have your wrapped gifts back to the church office by tomorrow, 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.

The Worship Music and Arts Committee thanks all who helped to decorate the church for Advent. Wreaths are hung, candles are in the windows and the trees are trimmed. Each year we are grateful to the many cheerful hands that help with this task. Each year we remember the many cheerful hands who made our ornaments and donated other decorations. WM&A hopes that the beauty of the sanctuary helps to light your way on the road to Bethlehem.

The Fun Adult Sunday School Class

- The Fun Adult Sunday School Class invites the congregation to attend a Carol Sing on Sunday, December 15, at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. A devotional will be led by Dwight Williams. We hope you'll join us!

Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 12/01/24	\$317,041
Pledge Difference Thru 12/01/24	\$25,534
Percent Received	93%

2025 Stewardship Planning

Actual 2025 Pledges received to date	\$410,480
Other 2025 Budgeted Other Income	\$49,000
Total 2025 Budgeted Income	\$462,780
Total 2025 Budgeted Expenses	\$492,076
Additional 2025 pledges needed to balance the budget	\$29,296

Actual pledges received in 2024	86
Actual 2025 pledges received to date	80
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Actual 2025 pledges received to date	78

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.

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

December 1-7 Louise Mabry
December 8-14 Phil Eshleman
December 15-21 Katherine Campbell
December 22-28 Chip Wells
Dec. 29-Jan. 4 Carol Edwards

Bus Drivers:

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

Sanctuary Committee:

*Sis Thomas Sharlene McLaurin
Angela Purcell Susan Wentz

Usher Team 2:

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

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