



**February 2, 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church  
Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education  
Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music  
Lee Harris, Organist

Welcome to worship at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. This morning we celebrate the Scouting Program that comprises a portion of our ministry to young people in the Laurinburg Community. Scouting has been a part of the ministry of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church for 75 years. Many of the leaders in our church today and also around the county learned their leadership skills in Troop #420. Today the Troop will participate in worship. This is important because the twelfth point of the Scout Law is: **A Scout is Reverent: A Scout is reverent toward God. Scouts are faithful in their religious duties and respect the beliefs of others.** If you know of a young person who would benefit from being a part of Troop #420, take it upon yourself to introduce them to the troop.

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**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!

## Prelude

“Trust and Obey”

arr. Benjamin Harlan

## \*Call to Worship (from Psalm 71)

**Leader:** O Lord, in you we find refuge;

**People:** **Let us never be put to shame.**

**Leader:** Turn your ear to us, O God, and save us.

**People:** **For you are our rock and our fortress.**

**Leader:** God has been our hope and our trust from our earliest days.

**People:** **God has been with us since we were born from our mother’s womb.**

**Leader:** Let us sing out our praise of God’s steadfast love.

**People:** **We will offer God all glory and honor this day and always!**

## \*Invocation

## \*Hymn of Praise #275 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

## Invitation to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God, whose name is love, we confess our faults and failings, knowing you know us through and through. You tell us that love is patient and kind, and you know when our patience and kindness falls short. You tell us love is never rude or selfish, and you see the times we insist on our own way. Forgive us for the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters. Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response #581** *“Glory Be to the Father”*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, a-men.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**      *“May the peace of Christ be with you.”*  
*“And also with you.”*

**Scout Religious Award Presentations:** David Harling, Bill Purcell and Angell Buie

**God and Church Award Program**

Tucker Franklin  
Bradley Haynie  
Jacob St Onge

**God and Life Award Program**

Kaleb Coleman  
Alex Medlin  
Cadyn Scott  
Jay Lighthall  
Logan Leach

**Time with Children**

Dr. Hillary Sessions

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Anthem**

*“The Earth is the Lord’s”*

by Carl Nygard Jr.

*The Earth is the Lord’s and all fullness thereof.*

*All creatures who live on earth are the Lords, Alleluia.*

*For who can rightly ascend the hill of the Lord and who may enter His house to hear His word?*

*The Earth is the Lord’s and all fullness thereof. Alleluia, Amen.*

**Scripture**

Interspersed Inside Sermon

**Commentary on The Word**

*“True Leadership”*

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**An Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory**

*“Jesus, Lead Thou On”*

by Paul Manz

**\*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**

**\*Hymn of Parting #69** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)”

**\*The Apostles’ Creed** pg. 35 (in front of hymnal)

**\*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**

Recessional on “O God, Our Help”

by Gordon Young

\*Those who are able are requested to stand



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Scouting History at LPC



### **Boy Scout Oath or Promise**

On my honor, I will do my best: To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

### **Boy Scout Law**

A Scout is:  
Trustworthy,  
Loyal,  
Helpful,  
Friendly,  
Courteous,  
Kind,  
Obedient,  
Cheerful,  
Thrifty,  
Brave,  
Clean,  
and Reverent.

### **Boy Scout Motto**

Be Prepared!

### **Boy Scout Slogan**

Do a Good Turn Daily!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In lieu of flowers today**, a donation has been given in memory of Hammond Harling, former Scoutmaster of Troop 420 and Jean Harling, former Den Leader of Pack 420, by David and Ellen Harling.

### UPCOMING:

**Sunday 2/2** 9:45 am Sunday School For All  
11 am Worship  
12-1:30 pm Lunch and Learn Class  
5-6:30 pm Peacemakers  
5:30 pm Deacons Meeting

**Monday 2/3** 5:45 pm Mission Committee Meeting

**Tuesday 2/4** 3 pm PW Circle 2

**Wednesday 2/5** 5 pm Worship Music and the Arts Committee Meeting  
7:15 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday 2/6** 6 pm Hartwell GRACE Group Meeting at the Hartwell's

**Fri. 2/7-Sat. 2/8** Session Retreat

### LPC Women's Retreat

This year's LPC Women's Retreat will be Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:15 to 4:30 in the church Fellowship Hall. Hadley Horne Kifner, will be our guest speaker. Hadley is a Laurinburg native and the current Associate Pastor for Spiritual Nurture at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. Please join us as Hadley guides our hearts and minds to a ***Journey to Joy***. Check in and breakfast are at 8:15 am. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be arranged at no cost. A sign-up sheet with food items needed will be sent out closer to the retreat. There will be no charge to attend the retreat.\*\*\*The church bus will be provided for Scotia residents. Pickup will be at 8am; the bus will return our Scotia residents home after the retreat. **We will kick off the retreat with a meet and greet social on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 at Scotia Village in the game room. Please join us!! Please email Angela Purcell at [angelapurcell@yahoo.com](mailto:angelapurcell@yahoo.com), if you would like to attend. You may also text or call 910-280-0666.**

### FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

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

February 2- 8 Philip Eshleman  
February 9-15 Wayne Hobbs  
February 16- 22 Fred Albrecht  
Feb 23-March 1 Heather Bounds

#### **Bus Drivers:**

February 2 Boyd McLaurin  
February 9 Eddie Carmichael  
February 16 Bradley Williams  
February 23 Tom Draper

#### **Sanctuary Committee:**

\*Martha Floyd Susan Hartwell  
Betty Jackson Bette Sellers

#### **Usher Team 4:**

\*Bradley Williams Fred Albrecht  
Barbara Bateman John Campbell  
Will Clark Mike Coughenour  
Tom Draper Sam Fulton  
David Herr Wayne Hobbs  
Paul Rush Drew Williamson  
Michael Sellers Jamie Sutherland

### **What is Happening in Children's and Youth Ministry?**

- **Peacemakers February 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm.** Children & Youth join us for a Valentine's Celebration. Youth will be preparing for the Souper Bowl of Caring.
- **Souper Bowl of Caring February 9<sup>th</sup>** The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in

Columbia, South Carolina. “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.” That year 22 churches raised \$5,700 for local food banks. More than \$163 million in monetary and food donations have been raised with this campaign. All donations stay in the local area. Youth will be holding soup pots on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> to collect your donations for Souper Bowl Sunday.

- **Communion Education February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 pm** for children and their parents. This will be a hands-on class to explore, practice, and learn about communion. Children who complete the class will be received at the table on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please call the church office to register. A light dinner will be served.
- Save the date for **Word in Action Mission Camp July 14-18<sup>th</sup>** for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed. Middle School youth may apply to be a Junior Counselor and Senior High Youth may apply to be a Counselor. Registration is coming soon.

### **Scholarships**

- **The Jane and Katherine McKay Scholarship:** High School Seniors applying for the 2025-2026 year should do so by February 28, 2025.
- **The Presbyterian Women Scholarships and the Katie Groves McNeill Scholarship** applications are due March 31, 2025.
- **The Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship**, offered through the Coastal Carolina Presbytery is due February 15.
- **All applications are available** on the LPC website:  
<https://laurinburgpres.com/youth/scholarships-opportunities-lpc-members>

### ***Prayer List***

- **Norma McKeithan**, admitted to Scotland Memorial Hospital.
- **Please keep Faye Nichols and the Nichols family** in your prayers.
- **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.
- **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, Sis Thomas

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