



LAURINBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CASUAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rebekah

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LPC Children
With Dr. Jaime Martinez

Children: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.

All: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.

Children: Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

All; Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Children: Alleluia, amen!

All: Alleluia, amen!

OPENING SONGS

"Welcome" (insert)

Mark Miller

"How Great is Our God"

Verse 1

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the Earth rejoice

All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

Chorus
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Verse 2
Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge
Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Hymn #475 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings"*

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR-----PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please take a few minutes and greet your neighbors.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Hillary Sessions

Children of all ages are invited

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pastor John Stanley

SERMON

"Turn off the World, Turn on the Heavens"

Rev. Rebekah

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Hymn # 649 *"Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"*

PRAYER CONCERNS

COMMUNION

HYMN #507 *"Come to the Table of Grace"*
"The Open Table" (insert)

COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Give Me Jesus”

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

“When You Walk from Here”

Lenea Good

When you walk from here
when you walk from here
walk with justice
walk with mercy
and with God’s humble care.

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Welcome



1. Let's
2. Let's
3. Let's



walk to - geth - er for a__ while_ and
talk to - geth - er of a__ time__ when
dream to - geth - er of the_ day__ when



ask where we be - gin__ to
we will share a__ feast,__ where
earth and heav'n are_ one,__ a



build a world where love can_ grow__ and
pride and pow - er kneel to__ serve__ the
cit - y built of love and_ light,__ the



hope can en - ter__ in.____ To
lone - ly and the_ least,__ and
new Je - ru - sa - lem,__ where our

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be the hands of heal - ing_ and to
 joy will set the ta - ble_ as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, - ev - 'ry



plant the seeds of_ peace,___ sing - ing
 join our hands to_ pray,___
 crea - ture lifts its_ voice,___



wel - come, wel - come to_ this place, - you're in -



vit - ed___ to come and know_ God's grace. - All are



wel - come,___ the love of God_ to_ share___



'cause all of us_ are wel - come_ here, -



after final refrain

all are wel - come in this_ place. -

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The Open Table



1. Come, oh come, come to the ta - ble. _____
2. Cir - cle round, let's join to - geth - er. _____
3. God is love; Love is cre - at - ing _____



_____ Gath - er 'round, come with - out fear. _____
_____ Share your joys, and bring your tears. _____
_____ some - thing new, right here, right now. _____



_____ Known by name, here at the
_____ Strength and hope found at the
_____ We're chil - dren of God, here at the



ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____ wel - come
ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____
ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____



here, to the ta - ble of love. _____ love. _____

1., 2. | 3.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Jane McKeithan Purcell by the family."

UPCOMING:

- Sunday 1/12** 12-1:30 pm New Member Lunch Class
Monday 1/13 6 pm PW Circle 4 Meeting at Sarah Williams' Home
Tuesday 1/14 4:30 pm Staff Relations Committee Meeting
Wednesday 1/15 8 am Finance Committee Meeting
3 pm PW Circle 3 Meeting at Scotia 2nd Floor Living Room
5:30 pm CN&E Committee Meeting
Sunday 1/19 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship
12-1:30 pm New Member Lunch Class

Faith Formation Updates

- **Fun Adult Sunday School Class**- Please join us in this new year! This month, Bill Purcell, II, will be leading the class. His first topic will be "What Is Going on with Our Courts and Why Presbyterians Should Care"; he'll finish up the month with "Lessons from the Bullfrog—Leadership Lessons We Can Apply to our Daily Lives", based on a book by Admiral McCraven. The class, also, hopes to soon implement a new "smart classroom" upgrade, so folks can join us via Zoom.
- **Communion Education for children and their parents** will be February 23rd. Children will be received at the table on Sunday, March 2nd

Scholarships

- **The Jane and Katherine McKay Scholarship is available at:**
<https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Student/Default.aspx>
The current college students need to complete their renewal application by January 31st. The seniors that will be applying for the 2025-2026 can begin applying now. The application cycle opened November 20, 2024 and runs through February 28, 2025.
- **The Presbyterian Women scholarships and the Katie Groves McNeill Scholarship** applications are due March 31, 2025 are available at:
<https://laurinburgpres.com/youth/scholarships-opportunities-lpc-members>
- **The Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship**, offered through the Coastal Carolina Presbytery, is in the process of having the application process updated and should soon be available on the LPC website.

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

2024 Stewardship Update

Budgeted Pledges 2024	\$342,575
Total Pledges Received Thru 12/31/24	\$341,243
Pledge Difference Thru 12/31/24	\$1,332
Percent Received	99.6%

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 12-18 Wayne Hobbs
January 19-26 Louise Mabry

Bus Drivers:

1/12 Michael Sellers
1/19 Gus Purcell
1/26 Will Clark

Sanctuary Committee:

*Edna Ann Loftus Miriam Bounds
Laurene Stubbs Sarah Williams

Usher Team 3:

*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	

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.
- **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