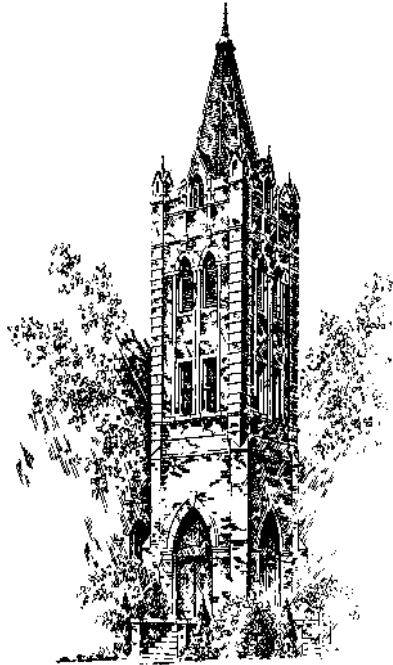


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 19, 2025

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

"Meditation of Joy"

by Josef Rheinberger

*Call to Worship

Danny Caddell

Leader: How precious is God's steadfast love!

PEOPLE: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings

Leader: Come and feast on God's abundance.

PEOPLE: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

Leader: For with God is the fountain of life;

PEOPLE: And in God's light we will see light.

Leader: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

PEOPLE: We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #33** *"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled. By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in you. 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

Dr. Hillary Sessions

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 2:1-11

Commentary on The Word *“Fresh Air of the Spirit”* Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem *“Many Gifts, One Spirit”* by Allen Pote

***Hymn of Worship #291** *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory *“Prayer”* by Mark Andersen

***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 #694** *“Great God of Every Blessing”*

***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 *“Trumpet Voluntary”* by Gordon Young

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

2025 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Clerk: Bill Purcell, II
Moderator: Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Brian Bounds	Bob Dyer	Pam Hill
Martha Fulton	Mike Edwards	Susan Hartwell
Bear Hughes	Bill Purcell II	Kirsten Dean
LeGette McLean	Emily Womble	Bradley Williams

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Heather Bounds	Katherine Campbell	Debra Sutherland
Katie Clark	Carol Edwards	Miriam Bounds
Wayne Hobbs	Phil Eshleman	Fred Albrecht
Louise Mabry	Chip Wells	Hillary Sessions

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Angela Purcell
Vice-Moderator: Open
Secretary: Holly Albrecht
Treasurer: Delia Muse
Historian: Dawn Sellers
Moderator of Search Committee: Leslie Sellers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of W. R. Dulin and the Reverend and Mrs. D. H. Dulin by Sibyle Dulin.

The rose in the chancel is in celebration of the birth of Thomas Curtis Britt, IV, born to Curt and Lindsey Britt on December 31, 2024, in Holly Springs. Ed and Jacque O'Neal are proud grandparents!

UPCOMING:

Today 1/19 12-1:30 pm New Member Lunch Class
Monday 1/20 Church Office Closed
5:30 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting
Wednesday 1/22 12:30 pm Ladies Lunch at Railroad Bar and Grill
5:30 pm Session Meeting
7:15 pm Choir Practice
Thursday 1/23 5:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting
Sunday 1/26 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship
12-1:30 pm New Member Lunch Class

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.

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://fftscholarships.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 year 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 due February 15, the application is available on the LPC website listed above.

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

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

January 12-18 Wayne Hobbs
January 19-26 Louise Mabry

Bus Drivers:

1/5 Andy Womble
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

- **Please keep Faye Nichols and the Nichols family** in your prayers as she nears the end of her earthly journey.
- **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