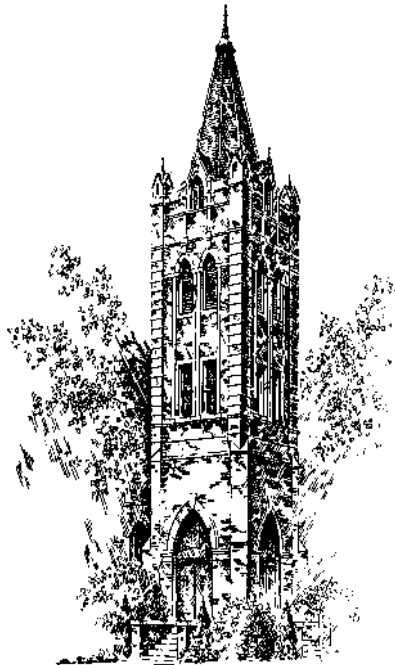


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

January 26, 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 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!*

### Welcome and Announcements

John Stanley, CRE

### Minute For Mission

*The Blanket Project*

Angela Purcell

### Prelude

*"This is My Father's World"*

arr. Anna L. Page

### \*Call to Worship

**Leader:** There is one true God

**PEOPLE: whom to know is life eternal, whom to serve is joy and peace.**

**Leader:** God creates all that is.

**PEOPLE: The whole universe displays the majesty and power of its Maker.**

**Leader:** We worship God as the source of all life.

**PEOPLE: With thanks we acknowledge God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love.**

### \*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #301 *"Let Us Build a House"*

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and harmony, we confess we can be divisive when you call us to unity, quarrelsome when you call us to seek peace, and critical rather than caring. We have grown used to our own ways and cannot imagine you would ask us to change even for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for your truth. Show us how we can witness to your love through working and worshipping together. 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** Psalm 19, Luke 4:14-21

**Commentary on The Word** “Getting the Message” Rev. Dwight Williams

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

**\*Hymn of Worship #451** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory** “Simple Gifts” arr. Kenneth Kosche

**\*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 #372** “O for a World”

**\*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** “Praeludium in C Minor” by J.S. Bach

\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

### **Church World Service Blanket Project – February 2**

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That’s why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.

When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way. Laurinburg Presbyterian will be collecting for the blanket project on Sunday, February 2. Please consider a donation to warm the hearts and hands of people in need.

To make a donation:

1. Put money or a check into the blanket project envelope provided on February 2.
  2. Send a check to LPC with “blanket project” on the memo line.
  3. Donate online at [cwsblankets.org/donate](https://cwsblankets.org/donate)
  4. Use the "Give Now" button on our website, choose “Other Special Offerings” and put “Blanket Program” in the notes field
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*Save the dates!!*

*February 2025 -- Three Classes*

***After worship Lunch\*and Learn Opportunity***

*Noon to 1:30 PM*

***The Origin of Our Attitudes Toward Nature***

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Malcolm C. Doubles\*\*

February 2, 2025 - Noon

***The Secularization of Nature***

With the possible exception of “tree huggers”, none of us anymore think of Nature as divine. When and how did this happen?

February 9, 2025 – Noon

***The Origins of Humanism***

When and how did we begin to think that life was by, for, and all about humankind, even at the expense of the natural world?

February 16 2025 – Noon

***The Rule of Law***

Until the 2024 Supreme Court decision giving Presidents “absolute and presumptive immunities”, we had assumed that everyone was subject to the law, which can include how people can use the material world. When and how did this way of thinking originate?

Please call Lisa Adams in the Church office, 910 276 0831, to reserve your lunch spot.

\*\***Dr. Doubles** is most frequently found in our church choir. He holds degrees from Davidson College, Union Seminary in Richmond VA. He has a Ph.D. from St. Andrews University in Scotland. He has taught at Coker College, Hartsville, SC, St Andrews University here in Laurinburg and Shanghai University in China. He is a fellow of the Society of Biblical Literature. This class is a reprise of his work from a fellowship with the National Endowment for the Humanities on environmental ethics.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. George Melton by his children, grandchildren and great-grandson.

### UPCOMING:

**Today 1/26** 12-1:30 pm New Member Lunch Class  
4:30-6:30 pm Caddell GRACE Group Meeting at the Sessions'  
**Monday 1/27** 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting  
**Wednesday 1/29** 7:15 pm Choir Practice  
**Sunday 2/2** 9:45 am Sunday School For All  
11 am Worship  
5-6:30 pm Peacemakers  
5:30 pm Deacons Meeting

**Rev. Rebekah will be on study leave January 24-31.** Bob Dyer and Bear Hughes are the elders on call and can be notified if anyone needs a hospital visit. Rod Frohman is the pastor on call and can be notified if there is an urgent medical emergency or if someone passes away.

Bob Dyer-309-798-8038

Bear Hughes-910-280-0908

Rod Frohman-585-727-2676

### Scholarships

- **The Jane and Katherine McKay Scholarship is available at:**  
The current college students need to complete their renewal application by January 31st. 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>

### **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 7th, 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

## **Faith Formation Updates**

- **Fun Adult Sunday School Class-** Please join us in this new year! 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm. Children will be received at the table on Sunday, March 2nd

## *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