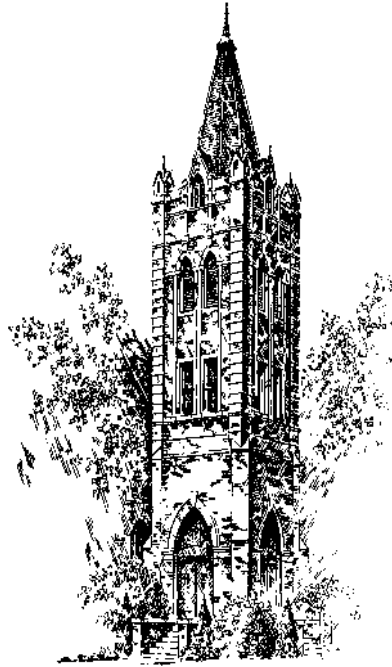


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday After Epiphany

February 23, 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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

by Dale Wood

*Call to Worship

Pastor John Stanley

Leader: O Lord, in you we find refuge;

All: Let us never be put to shame.

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

All: For you are our rock and our fortress.

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

All: 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.

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

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #396** *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

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 fall short. You tell us love is never rude or selfish, and you see the times we insist on our own way. Forgive us of 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"*

*Passing of the Peace

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

Children's Anthem

"Rejoice in the Lord"

by Jane Linder

Jaime Martinez, Director

Time with Children

Dr. Hillary Sessions

***Hymn of Worship #819 “Be Still, My Soul”**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 6:27-38

Commentary on The Word “Expanded Love” Rev. Rebekah

Anthem “Open My Eyes” by K. Lee Scott

*Open my eyes, and I shall see;
Incline my heart, and I shall desire;
Order my steps, and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.*

*Oh God, be my only lord, and beside you, let there be none else, no other, none else
with you.*

*Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my understandings with truth of spirit,
with honor of body, with blessings of mouth, both in public and private.*

*Open my eyes, and I shall see;
Incline my heart, and I shall desire;
Order my steps, and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” arr. Anne Davis

***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 #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

***Charge and Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

*(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

"A Ceremonial March"

by Christopher Tambling

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

5 Lenten Faith Development Opportunities

1.) The Present Word

**Men's Bible Study Class - Session Room - Rotating Teachers - 9:45 AM
All Sundays in March**

2.) Martin Luther & the Reformation For the Church Today

**Sunday March 2, 2025 -- The Fun Class - 9:45 AM
Final Presentation in a series by Dr. Lawrence Schulz**

3.) Personalities Around the Cross:

An Inquiry into the Relationship between Hubris and Loyalty

**4 Presentations by Rev. Dr. Roderic P. Frohman
The Fun Class - 9:45 AM**

Sunday March 9, 2025

Peter – By Passion Possessed

Sunday March 16, 2025

Dilate – By Power Confused

Sunday March 23, 2025

Mary Magdalene – By Name Cursed

Sunday April 13, 2025

Mary the Mother of Jesus – By Execution Crushed

4.) John Calvin and Modern Democracy

Presbyterianism's 16th Century Founder Examines the 21st Century

3 Presentations by Rev. Dr. Timothy Verhey

The Fun Class - 9:45 AM

Sunday March 30, Sunday April 6 & Sunday May 18

5.) "Switched-On" Taizé

A deep preview of the music for our March 5th Ash Wednesday Service

Presentation by Dr. Jose Rivera

Lunch and Learn in Fellowship Hall

Sunday March 2, 2025

Noon to 1:30 PM

Call Lisa Adams in the Church office 910-276-0831 by Feb 27th to reserve your lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please save your **GALLON milk jugs** (or tea, water or lemonade) for a LPC children's project. You can bring your clean jugs to the church office.

UPCOMING:

Today 2/23 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship (Followed by Congregational Meeting)
5 pm Children's Communion Education Event

Monday 2/24 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Tuesday 2/25 6:30 pm Handbells Practice

Wednesday 2/26 5:30 pm Session Meeting
7:15 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 2/27 5:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting

Sunday 3/2 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship (Children Join in Communion)
5-6:30 pm Peacemakers Meeting
5:30 Deacons Meeting

Children's Communion Education is this evening at 5:00 pm. A light supper will be served. Children will be received at the table on Sunday, March 2nd.

The Fun Adult Sunday school class invites you to join them via Zoom, if you can't attend the class in person. Thanks to Bill Purcell, computer upgrades have been installed and anyone can join in! Just download the Zoom app and click on "Join Meeting". The meeting ID is: 843 6418 1512 The passcode is: 341960

Hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity!

Save the date for Word in Action Mission Camp July 14-18th for children through 5th 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.

Next Sunday is "Caring and Sharing" Sunday. Please bring non-perishable foods and personal care items to donate to Church Community Services and to stock our on-site mission box. Boxes will be available at the front of the Sanctuary for your donations.

Scholarships

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

LPC Women's Retreat in just 2 weeks!!! It's not too late to sign up.

This year's LPC Women's Retreat will be Saturday, March 8th, 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 8 am; 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!!**

*****Angela Purcell will be sending out a food list for those who are willing and able to sign up to bring items**

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

Feb 23-March 1	Heather Bounds
March 2-8	Miriam Bounds
March 9-15	Katherine Campbell
March 16-22	Katie Clark
March 23-29	Carol Edwards
March 30-April 5	Louise Mabry

Sanctuary Committee:

*Lynn Massey	Anne Sprouse
Sue Schulz	Emily Womble

Bus Drivers:

February 23	Andy Womble
March 2	Richard Mabry
March 9	Richard Massey
March 16	David Bounds
March 23	Brian Bounds
March 30	Allen McLaurin

Usher Team 1:

*Richard Mabry	Danny Caddell
Bill Hill	David Harling
John McRae	Richard Massey
Earl Bowling	David Carmichael
Scott Sellers	Andy Womble

Prayer List

- **Clint Willis**, under Hospice care.
- **Dan Woerner**, friend of the church, recovering from by-pass surgery.
- **Norma McKeithan**, recovering from a stay at Scotland Memorial Hospital.
- **Jane Somerville**, receiving Hospice routine home care.
- **LeGette McLean** thanks the church family for prayers as medical treatments continue.
- **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, Sibyle Dulin, Bob Gordon

Scottish Pines: Jim "Sunbeam" Sutherland