

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Transformation Sunday

March 2, 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

"The Transfiguration"

by Paul Benoit

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Roderic P. Frohman

Leader: The church lives to praise God.

All: We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday.

Leader: Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, in praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship, God sustains the life of the church.

All: We worship God, offering ourselves in the service of Christ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #620 *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and forgiveness, facing the light of your goodness, we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness. We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need. We focus on our own disappointments rather than trust the future you create. We feel discouraged and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ. Transfigure us by your grace, and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading each day. 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

Luke 9:28-36

Commentary on The Word

"Get Ready, Get Busy"

Rev. Rebekah

Anthem

"Go Up to the Mountain of God"

by Michael Helman

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion

Closing Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

by Dale Wood

***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** #215 *"What Wonderful Love Is This"* (verses 1&4)

***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

"Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"

by Paul Manz

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

This is an important day in the faith journeys of our children as we welcome them to the communion table today. They have participated in a Communion Education Class in preparation for being received at the table. A special thank you to the Rev. Dwight Williams for his leadership in this event.

**Adam Bartholomew
Sierra Bartholomew
Warren Bartholomew
Molly Carmichael
Auriana Carpenter
Izabella Carpenter**

**Olivia Carpenter
John Daniel Clark
Wesley Clark
Olivia Fulton
Kaia Nalewaja
Hart Sessions**

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
Sunday March 16, 2025
Sunday March 23, 2025
Sunday April 13, 2025**

Peter – By Passion Possessed

Pilate – By Power Confused

Mary Magdalene – By Name Cursed

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

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 3/2** 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship (Children Join in Communion)
12-1:30 pm Lunch and Learn Class
5-6:30 pm Peacemakers Meeting
5:30 pm Deacons Meeting
- Monday 3/3** 7 pm PW Circle 1 in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday 3/4** 3 pm PW Circle 2 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
5 pm Worship Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Wed. 3/5** 12 pm Lenten Lunch- FUMC
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Taizé Service
7:15 pm Choir Practice
- Friday 3/7** 6-8 pm PW Retreat Meet and Greet at Scotia Village
- Saturday 3/8** 8:15-4:30 pm PW Retreat

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!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The youth raised \$309 which will be given to Family Promise to further support their efforts to provide housing and food for those experiencing homelessness.

Ash Wednesday Taizé Service- Started by an ecumenical monastic order, the Taizé community in central France is devoted to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. Tens of thousands of young Christians travel to Taizé each year to experience the simple life of joy and reconciliation through prayer, silence, and music. A Taizé candlelight service includes contemplative music with repeated phrases designed to encourage meditation and prayer. (adapted from BBC Religions-Christianity: Taizé) As we prepare for Lent, open your heart and mind for a Taizé experience during our Ash Wednesday service, this Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm.

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.

Today 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.

Easter Lilies have been ordered and will be available for purchase throughout Lent. Remember a loved one or honor someone special in your life with an Easter Lily that will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Lilies can be purchased for \$20 by completing an order form and returning it with your check to the church office. Make checks payable to: LPC-PW. You may also email your info to Delia Muse at deliamuse@gmail.com. Please give the name of the person(s) you are honoring or remembering and who is donating the lilies.

LPC Women's Retreat is this week!

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!!**

From the Presbyterian Women- Thank you for your generous contributions to the **Blanket Project**. We raised \$823 which will provide eighty-two blankets to those in crisis through Church World Service

The March Fellowship Supper is coming up March 19th at 6:00 pm. Please bring your favorite salads to share! Let Lisa know that you're coming by Monday, March 17.

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church will celebrate the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on National Tartan Day, April 6. If you would like to represent your family by carrying your clan tartan or would like to remember Saints who have now passed by carrying their tartan, please contact Philip Eshleman at periceshleman@gmail.com or by calling him at 309-797-3891. The Kirkin' Service at LPC is a way to remember and give thanks to those who were foundational in their service to our denomination, recall the faith of ancestors that made sacrifices to create a better life for future generations and celebrate with family and friends our shared heritage.

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

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

Sanctuary Committee:

*Lynn Massey	Anne Sprouse
Sue Schulz	Emily Womble

Usher Team 1:

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

Entered the Church Triumphant: Brigadier General, Clinton "Clint" Vance Willis Retired, of Laurinburg passed away at the age of 93 on February 24, 2025 in his home at Scotia Village.

Prayer List

- **Carlene Willis and her family**, upon the death of Clint Willis.
- **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**- Continuing medical treatments
- **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