

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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

Charles Wentz, CRE

Prelude

Prelude on "Wondrous Love"

by Gordon Young

*Call to Worship

Bill Purcell, II

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation:

All: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life:

All: We will wait for the Lord in faithfulness.

Leader: Let us seek the Lord's face in this time of worship:

All: We will honor God's presence in our prayers and our praises!

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #49** *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we are creatures who seek our own comfort. We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first. Forgive our fleeting commitment and the times we have indulged our own complaints.

Have mercy on us. Inspire us with the energy to do your will and serve our neighbours in the example of Christ, your Son and our Lord.

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

***Hymn of Worship #221** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 1:1-18.

Commentary on The Word

"Being With"

Charles Wentz, CRE

Anthem

"My Song Is Love Unknown"
(Congregation join in last verse)

by Edwin T. Childs

Choir:

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their king.
Then "Crucify" Is all their breath,
And for his death They thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done To cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, And gave the blind their sight.
What injuries! Yet these are why The Lord most high
So cruelly dies, So cruelly dies, My Savior dies,
My song of love So cruelly dies.

Congregation:

Here might I stay and sing Of him my
soul a - dores. Nev - er was love, dear king, Nev -
er was grief like yours! This is my
friend In whose sweet praise I all my
days Could glad - ly spend,

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

arr. Alexander Matthews

***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** #189 "*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*"

***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

"Laudate Dominum"

by Mark Andersen

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

- Sunday 3/16** 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship
- Monday 3/17** 5:45 pm Mission Committee Meeting
- Tuesday 3/18** 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Wednesday 3/19** 10:30 am "Time with the Pastor" at Scotia Village for Residents
12 pm Lenten Lunch- FUMC
3 pm PW Circle 3 at Scotia
6 pm Fellowship Supper
7:15 pm Choir Practice
- Thursday 3/20** 12:30 pm Ladies Lunch at Captain Larry's

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

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.

The first Sunday of each month 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.

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. Tickets for lunch will be available for purchase before worship on Sundays through March 30 and in the church office.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

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:

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

The “Ladies Who Lunch” will meet Thursday, March 20 at 12:30 pm at Captain Larry’s. If you plan to attend, please let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know. We hope to see you there!

Prayer List

- **Linda Carpenter**, Rev. Rebekah’s mom, prayers for continued peace and comfort.
- **Charles Liles**, ongoing health concerns.
- **Patsy Delk**, friend of Lisa Adams, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- **Mary Margaret Miller**; keep her in prayer.
- **Jamie and Debra Sutherland and family**, upon the death of his father Jim “Sunbeam” Sutherland.
- **Dinah Veler**, Lisa Adams’ mom, recovering from surgery.
- **Sis Thomas**, hospitalized after a fall.
- **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