

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

Third Sunday in Lent

March 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

John Stanley, CRE

### Prelude

Chorale and Andante from Sonata VI  
"Our Father Who Art in Heaven"

Felix Mendelssohn

### \*Call to Worship

Holly Albrecht, DCE

Leader: Seek the Lord while God may be found. Call upon God who is near.

**All: We will return to the Lord our God.**

Leader: God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways.

**All: We come, seeking new paths to follow.**

Leader: As the heavens are higher than the earth so are God's ways higher than ours.

**All: We come as pilgrims on the journey, praising God along the way. Let us worship God with thankful hearts!**

### \*Invocation

**\*Hymn of Praise #393** "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and mercy, we confess that our thoughts are so often not your thoughts; our ways are not your ways. Our tempers are short and we fail to act with kindness. Our confidence is weak and we treat others without respect. Our faith falters and we lose track of you. Forgive the many ways we fail you, and inspire us to follow you more faithfully. 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

**\*Hymn of Worship #703** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture & Commentary on The Word**

John Stanley, CRE  
Holly Albrecht, DCE

**Anthem**

*“Create in Me”*

Nancy and Bruce Muskrat

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

John Stanley, CRE

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory**

*“Psalm”*

Gordon Young

**\*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** #463 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

**\*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**

Toccata on *“How Firm a Foundation”*

Gordon Young

\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

## Prayer List

- **Linda Carpenter**, Rev. Rebekah's mom, prayers for continued peace and comfort, as well as the whole Carpenter family.
- On February 11th **Elizabeth B. Gordon** fell at her Wrightsville Beach home breaking her left ankle. She is now living temporarily at Scotia Village in their rehabilitation facility while her ankle heals. Please pray that God continues to give her strength needed, for a healthy and speedy recovery.
- **Charles Liles**, ongoing health concerns, hospitalized at Duke Hospital.
- **Patsy Delk**, friend of Lisa Adams, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- **Mary Margaret Miller**; keep her in prayer.
- **Dinah Veler**, Lisa Adams' mom, recovering from surgery.
- **Sis Thomas**, recovering from a fall in Healthcare at Scotia Village. .
- **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 Salzein**, 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers today are given in loving memory of Bill and Lois Bateman** and in honor of their 82<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 23<sup>rd</sup> by the family.

## **UPCOMING:**

**Tuesday 3/25** 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

**Wednesday 3/26** 12 pm Lenten Lunch- FUMC

5:30 pm Session Meeting

7:15 pm Choir Practice

**Sunday 3/30** 9:45 am Sunday School For All

11 am Worship (Children's Church in the Chapel)

## **EASTER EGG HUNT!!!**

When: Sunday, April 13th - Immediately following worship service

Where: Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Who: All children ages infant through 5th grade

What: A light lunch of pizza, cupcakes and lemonade will follow the hunt.

\*\* We ask that each child bring 1 dozen filled plastic eggs for the hunt.

\*\*We also graciously accept any donations from the congregation of filled plastic eggs for the children to hunt.

\*\*Please place the eggs on the table in the fellowship hall prior to the start of worship service on April 13th.

**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 14-18<sup>th</sup>** for children through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Peacemakers Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm**

Children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade join us for “Breakfast on the Beach” at Peacemakers. We will explore how Jesus shows his disciples that they can continue his ministry by following his instructions. Games, music, dinner, and so much more. Bring a friend!

**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.

**LPC Director of Music, Jose Rivera** recently met Mr. DeVon Pickett, who serves as the newly appointed Arts Coordinator for Scotland County Schools. When Jose asked if they had any needs, he learned that they were looking for a grand piano for the high school auditorium. If you know of anyone who is trying to get rid of their grand piano or know of anyone interested in donating one to please let him know ASAP. They truly need it! This is one of the few schools that do not currently have a grand piano in their auditorium.

**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