

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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

Scott Miller, CRE

Minute for Mission

Family Promise Work Day

Mission Committee

Prelude

“What Wondrous Love is This”

arr. Craig Phillips

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Roderic. P. Frohman

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

All: Thanks be to God for such great mercy.

Leader: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All: Thanks be to God for new beginnings!

Leader: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation through Christ Jesus.

All: Together we will make a new beginning in Christ!

Leader: Let us worship God with joyful hearts, trusting God to renew us as we lift our praises to God with hearts refreshed by grace.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** *“Gathered in God's Name” (see included sheet music)*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of love and mercy, when we pause for a moment in your presence, the daily details of our lives press in on us. We recall things left undone, opportunities ignored. We remember careless words spoken, disappointments that trouble our souls. We offer you our misspent moments and missed opportunities. 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 #22

“God of the Sparrow”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 23
Luke 15: 1-10

Commentary on The Word

"Lost and Found"

Scott Miller, CRE

Anthem

"Then Sings My Soul"
Men's Ensemble

arr. Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

John Stanley, CRE

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Cross of Jesus"

John Stainer

*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 #65 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

*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

"Fugue in G Minor"

J.S. Bach

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

Prayer List

- **Anne Sprouse and Family**, upon the death of her brother, Daniel McDonald.
- **Rev. Rebekah and her family**, upon the loss of her mother, Linda Carpenter.
- 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 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

Gathered in God's Name
 Congregation, Cantor or Choir, and Piano,
 with opt. Flute, Chimes or Handbells, and Organ

words and music by Michael Burkhardt

Introduction
 Andante (♩ = ca. 72)

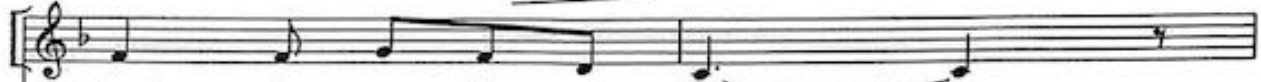
Piano

Verse**
 Cantor or Choir:
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5. Gath	-	ered	in	God's	name
6. Gath	-	ered	in	God's	name

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1. 'round the ta - ble and font. _____
 2. 'round the wa - ters of grace, _____
 3. 'round the peace of the Lord, _____
 4. lives made bright - er than snow, _____
 5. with the saints _____ on earth, _____
 6. 'round the ta - ble of grace. _____



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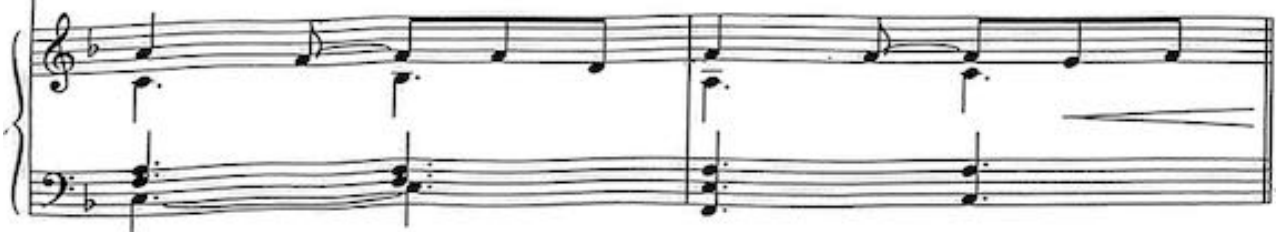
1. Gath - ered as _____ one fam - 'ly _____
 2. claimed and marked by the Spir - it _____
 3. in the pres - ence of Christ, _____
 4. hearts re - newed _____ with joy, _____
 5. with the saints _____ a - bove, _____
 6. Gath - ered as _____ one fam - 'ly _____



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1. in the _____ name of love. _____
 2. in the _____ name of love. _____
 3. in the _____ name of love. _____
 4. in the _____ name of love. _____
 5. in the _____ name of love. _____
 6. in the _____ name of love. _____



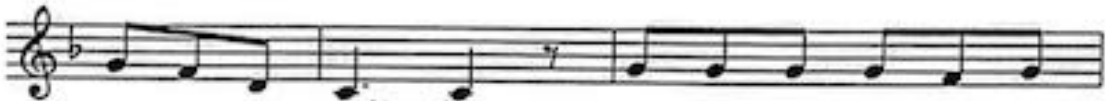
Gathered in God's Name

Refrain

with great joy!



Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in



this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and



friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.



Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing



Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly



in the name of love, in the name of

slowing



love, in the name of love.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Winston Tornow by his family.

UPCOMING:

Tuesday 4/1 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday 4/2 12 pm Lenten Lunch- FUMC
7:15 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 4/5 9 am Work Day at Family Promise
Sunday 4/6 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship (Kirkin' o' the Tartan)
4-6 pm Dwight and Susan Williams' GRACE Group in the Scotia Village Game Room
5 pm Bradley & Sarah Williams' GRACE Group at their Home
5-6:30 pm Peacemakers Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Mark your calendar! The Wentz GRACE Group will gather for a hot dog/hamburger supper on Sunday, April 13, from 5:00-7:00, on Scotia Village's back patio. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Thanks to Jim and Linda McQueen for hosting us!

Please pick up a survey on the way out of the Sanctuary today. The Christian Nurture and Education Committee wants to plan future adult education classes/events for our church and needs your specific input to effectively plan. Please take 5 minutes to fill out this survey and return it to the church electronically, by snail mail, in the offering plate next week, or in the CN&E mailbox in the church office.

The Mission Committee is hosting a "Work Day" at Family Promise on Saturday, April 5 at 9 am. All skill sets welcome! Bring your tools and yard implements. Contact Becca Hughes for more info.

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 LPC-PW) to the church office or in the offering plate. 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 6th 5:00-6:30 pm

Children through 5th 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!

The first Sunday of each month is "Caring and Sharing" Sunday. Please bring non-perishable foods and personal care items **NEXT SUNDAY** 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.

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 309-797-3891. Tickets for lunch will be available for purchase before worship on Sundays through March 30 and in the church office. **Those that will be participating in the Tartan Processional** will meet on Sunday, April 6 at 9 o'clock in the McKay Room for rehearsal.

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 14-18th 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.

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors:

March 30-April 5	Louise Mabry
April 6-12	Hillary Sessions
April 13-19	Debra Sutherland
April 20-26	Chip Wells
April 27-May 3	Philip Eshleman

Sanctuary Committee:

*Candy Nichols	Heather Bounds
Jane McLaurin	Debra Sutherland

Bus Drivers:

March 30	Allen McLaurin
April 6	Tom Draper
April 13	Ed O'Neal
April 20	Scott Sellers
April 27	Earl Bowling

Usher Team 2:

*Brian Bounds	Charles Bounds
David Bounds	Turner Bounds
Walt Bounds	Eddie Carmichael
Bob Dyer	Jim Mason
Boyd McLaurin	Ed O'Neal
Bill Purcell, II	Chip Wells