

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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

Special Recognition

Prelude

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

arr. Raymond Haan

*Call to Worship

Danny Caddell

LEADER: Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise God in the heights!

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

PEOPLE: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!

LEADER: Praise the Lord! All people together!

PEOPLE: With one voice, let us praise the Lord!

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** #81 *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Prayers of Loving God, Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, as Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions. Amen.

***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

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

***Hymn of Worship** #833 *"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

Commentary on The Word

“Hungry”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“God of Great and God of Small”

by Natalie Sleeth
arr. Sue Ellen PageLPC Adult Choir
Jane McLaurin, flute**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer****An Invitation to Give****Offertory**“In Heavenly Love Abiding”
Jane McLaurin, flute
Lee Harris, organ

Finnish Melody

The DoxologyPraise 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***(Why we sit for the Postlude- The Prelude and Postlude begin and conclude our corporate worship. The first allows us to meditate as we transfer from private worship to group worship, while the Postlude gives us the time and opportunity to translate what we have learned and experienced in the church service into our private lives and plans for the week. If you must leave before it ends, please exit reverently.)***Postlude**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

by Paul Manz

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

Prayer List

- **Hanni Bartholomew**, being treated at UNC Burn Center.
- **John Carmichael** is recovering from valve replacement surgery.
- **Sammy Simmons**, recovering after a hospital stay.
- **Lillian Boger**, dealing with vertigo.
- **Charles Liles**, recovering after hospitalization at Duke Hospital.
- **Mary Hambright** is in physical rehab after a 3 week stay in the hospital. Her Alzheimer's is advancing and she appreciates continued prayers and cards.
Mary Hambright, c/o Margaret Honeycutt
13405 Little Abbey Lane, apt 212, Charlotte, NC 28278
- **Whitman Jernigan**, one-year-old great-grandson of Hal Jernigan, suffering from a rare esophagus problem.
- 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.
- **Mary Margaret Miller**; keep her in prayer.
- **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 to monitor medical issues
- **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: Anne Ramsay Melton, Doug Hix, Elizabeth McIntosh

Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen): Daphne Gaw, John and Henrietta Carmichael, Norma McKeithan, Jean Clansky, Sibyle Dulin, Bob Gordon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McLaurin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quick and Mrs. Catherine McLaurin by the family.

UPCOMING:

Today 5/18 4 pm Youth Council Meeting
Monday 5/19 5 pm Mission Committee Meeting
6 pm Presbyterian Women Salad Supper
Tuesday 5/20 12:30 pm Ladies Lunch at Fore's Family Restaurant
4:30 pm Staff Relations Committee Meeting
Wednesday 5/21 8 am Finance Committee Meeting
10:30 am Time with the Pastors at Scotia Village
3 pm PW Circle 3 at Scotia Village
5 pm CN&E Meeting
Thursday 5/22 5:30 pm Membership Committee
Sunday 5/25 9:45 am Sunday School For All
11 am Worship

PW May Dinner Meeting: ***THERE IS A DATE CHANGE FOR THE MAY DINNER MEETING!! The May Birthday supper has been **RESCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 19th, at 6:00.** The May Birthday Supper is a salad supper. Please bring your favorite salad to share. We will be celebrating a great year of LPC Presbyterian Women, as well as collecting our annual birthday offering. **THE SCOTIA BUS WILL PICK UP RESIDENTS AT 5:45.** See you on **May 19th!!**

The "Ladies Who Lunch" will meet Tuesday, May 20th at 12:30 pm at Fore's Family Restaurant. If you plan to attend, please let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know. We hope to see you there!

DATE CHANGE!! The May Fellowship Supper, hosted by the Fellowship Committee, will be Wednesday, May 28th at 6 pm. They will provide burgers and hot-dogs and all the fixin's. The Mission Committee will host BINGO! All Bingo donations will benefit Family Promise of Scotland County. We hope you will join us for this time of food, fellowship and FUN to kick off the summer. Please let Lisa know you are coming by May 25th. Scotia Village residents- if you would like the bus to pick you up, let Lisa know.

Scotia Village Ice Cream Social-Sponsored by the Membership Committee

Sunday, June 1st, in The Morgan Room, 3-4 pm

We hope Scotia Village residents will come join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!

Bradley & Sarah Williams GRACE Group- Our next gathering is scheduled for June 1st at 5:00 pm on the Back Patio of Scotia Village hosted by Bill & Pam Hill and Bob & Marie Becker. Delicious Jersey Mike's subs will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert. RSVP by May 26th. Hope you are able to join us for the food and fellowship!

Summer Reading Book Reviews

The Christian Nurture and Education Committee is looking for volunteers who would like to review a favorite book this summer in the Fun classroom at 9:45 AM every Sunday morning beginning June 1 and ending August 31.

Fiction and nonfiction books are welcome to be reviewed. The books do not have to be particularly religious, but not trivial. The idea is to share meaningful reading. Reviewers are invited to give a 20-minute presentation and then take time for discussion.

The CN&E committee has appointed retired minister Rod Frohman to coordinate this effort. If you would like to review a book this summer please call Rod at 585-727-2676 or email him at CityRevRochester@gmail.com!

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

May 4-12	Wayne Hobbs
May 11-17	Fred Albrecht
May 18-24	Heather Bounds
May 25-31	Miriam Bounds

Bus Drivers:

May 4	David Carmichael
May 11	Jamie Sutherland
May 18	Chip Wells
May 25	David Herr

Sanctuary Committee:

*Carolina Caddell Lynn Mason
Jacque O'Neal Kathy Williamson

Usher Team 3:

*Allen McLaurin	Fred Albrecht
Clifton Buie	Jim Coughenour
Phil Eshleman	Hal Jernigan
Charles Liles	John McLaurin
Alex Medlin	Jackson Medlin
Gus Purcell	Gus Purcell, II
Gray Sellers	Anne Sprouse
Jimmy Stubbs	



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. Scan the code to register!