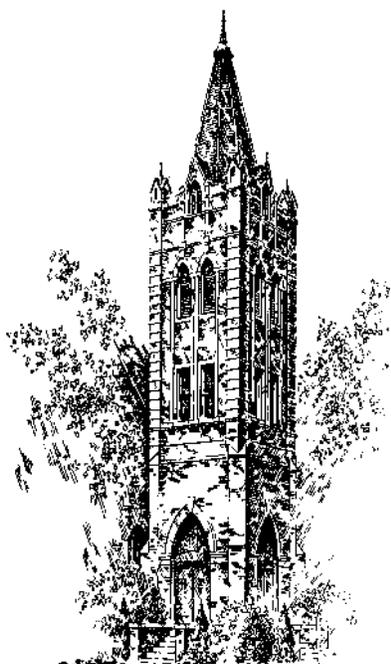


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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 worshipping 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

"Pastorale"

by César Franck

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

PEOPLE: God's faithful love endures forever.

LEADER: Has the Lord redeemed you? Then say so!

PEOPLE: God has redeemed us from trouble and leads us on paths of justice and righteousness.

LEADER: Praise the Lord for God's steadfast love is great!

PEOPLE: Let us praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of justice and generosity, we trust that all life flows from Your hand, yet we confess we often worry about how much life costs us. We like to have much more than enough, and we hesitate to share. Forgive us when our hearts long for the security of this world, not the security of Your love. 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

Holly Albrecht

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1st Samuel 16:1-13

Commentary on The Word

"All About The Heart"

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Hymn # 525 *“Let us Break Bread Together”* (verse 1)

Communion

THE LORD’S SUPPER
The Invitation
The Words of Institution
Prayer After Communion

Anthem

“The Gift of Love”

by Hal Hopson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

“Meditation”

by Michael Fischer

***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 # 69 *“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”*
(Here I am, Lord)

***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

“Fantasia in C”

by Georg Böhm

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

Prayer List (Names of those on the Prayer list will remain for One Month, unless a family member calls Lisa with an update, or the Pastor has visited the person. Thank you for the way you care for the Laurinburg Church Family.)

- **Lynn Massey**, having knee replacement August 4th.
- **Rose Stanley**, recovering from a fall.
- **Jerrod Lowry**, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, dealing with a colon cancer diagnosis.
- **Meredith Bounds**, ongoing cancer treatment.
- **Janet McQueen**, mother of Alex Bryant, ongoing cancer treatment.
- **John Carmichael**, currently receiving cardio rehab.
- **Ashleigh Bailey and her family, the Sutherland's**, as she is in the military and stationed in Qatar.
- **Barbara Salzlein**, continuing health concerns.
- **John Decembrino**, recovering at home after surgery.
- **Sammy Simmons**, recovering after a hospital stay.
- **Charles Liles**, ongoing health concerns.
- **Jane Somerville**, receiving Hospice routine home care.
- **LeGette McLean**, continuing cancer treatments.
- **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.

Scotia Village Skilled Nursing: Anne Ramsay Melton, Doug Hix, Elizabeth McIntosh, Norma McKeithan

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

- Today 8/3** 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday 8/6 5 pm Worship Music and the Arts Committee Meeting
Sunday 8/10 9:45 am Sunday School For Adults
10:30 Meet and Greet with Refreshments
11 am Worship
4-7 pm Battle of the Williams GRACE Groups
Wednesday 8/13 5:30 pm Christian Education and Nurture Committee Meeting

Battle of the GRACE Groups!

The Susan & Dwight Williams GRACE Group has challenged the Sarah and Bradley Williams GRACE Group to an LPC Summer Olympic Competition on Sunday August 10 from 4-7 pm at the LPC Hut. Both GRACE Groups will meet together. We will have corn hole, bocce and croquet events. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided for our victory dinner. Please bring your favorite side or desert. Please let Susan Williams or Bradley Williams know what you plan to bring. **RSVP by August 4th.** We are looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the competition and fellowship.

Save the Date — September 7th!

We know how quickly calendars fill up, so be sure to mark this important date now! September 7th kicks off the start of our new Bible School year, and we're celebrating with a special Rally Day Breakfast. Join us in the morning for delicious food and the chance to meet representatives from all of our church committees—it's a great opportunity to connect and get involved! Later that day, from 5:00–6:30 PM, kids through 5th grade are invited to Peacemakers for an evening of games, crafts, music, and Bible stories.

Start the year off right—make time for church. We can't wait to see you there!

The Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for possible candidates to serve on the Session and the Board of Deacons beginning in 2026. Four individuals are needed for each. The election for these positions will be held in the fall. Please submit any potential nominees to one of the following committee members: Brian Bounds, Beverly Bowling, Bob Dyer, Katie Clark.

Nursery

We have a Great big Problem! Our nursery is overflowing with little ones and we need extra hands to care for them. It's a great problem – but a big problem. We need your help! Nursery volunteers are needed throughout the summer. Please let Holly Albrecht know of your willingness to help or sign up on the nursery roster in the lobby outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for helping us care for the littlest in our church family.

Save Your Plastic Caps!

Your Christian Education and Nurture Committee asks that you save all of your plastic caps and bring them to the church office. Lids from toothpaste, juice, sour cream, coffee canisters, etc. are all needed. Labels on them are fine, just give them a quick wash and toss them in the red bucket in the church office.

ATTEND A SUNDAY SUMMER BOOK REVIEW!

NEW ZOOM LINK AND MEETING ID!

Summer Sunday Book Review Series 9:45 AM in the Fun Classroom

Next Sunday, August 10, Wayne Hobbs will review *The Last Lecture: Lessons in Living* by Randy Pausch. The class will take place in person in the Fun Classroom at 9:45 am. If you can't attend the class in person, just download the Zoom app and click on "Join Meeting". The meeting ID is: 872 3635 5429. The passcode is: 811843. Hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity! Previous difficulties with Zoom have been solved! Join us!

August 17- Debi Hobbs- *An Altar in the World*, Barbara Brown Taylor

August 24- Rod Frohman- *The Bible and Ethics in the Christian Life*, 4 authors

August 31- Rebekah Carpenter- *Toxic Charity*, Robert D. Lupton

Presbyterian Women Missionary Project

The middle school nurses have identified the following items as specific needs for their students. Please bring your donations to the church office.

- Women's small and medium underwear and sweatpants
- Deodorant for males and females
- Shampoo & Body Wash
- Clear book bags

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

July 27- August 2 Wayne Hobbs

August 3-9 Fred Albrecht

August 10-16 Heather Bounds

August 17-23 Miriam Bounds

August 24-30 Katherine Campbell

Aug 31- Sept 6 Katie Clark

Sanctuary Committee:

*Lucy Sojka Beverly Bowling

Pam Hill Dawn Sellers

Bus Drivers:

August 3 David Bounds

August 10 Brian Bounds

August 17 Allen McLaurin

August 24 Andy Womble

August 31 Ed O'Neal

Usher Team 2:

*Brian Bounds Charles Bounds

David Bounds Turner Bounds

Walt Bounds Eddie Carmichael

Bob Dyer Hew Fulton

Jim Mason Boyd McLaurin

Bill Purcell, II Chip Wells