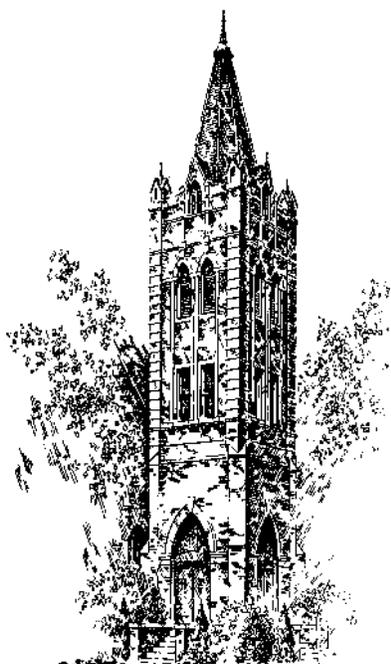


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 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

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

arr. Gordon Young

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Roderic P. Frohman

Leader: God, our Shepherd,

All: gather us together and lead us like a flock.

Leader: God, our Gardener,

All: plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

Leader: God, our Merciful Judge,

All: we call upon Your name in prayer and praise.

Leader: We bow before You, O God,

All: and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #33** *"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Attentive God, You care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard, blessing us with what we need to be fruitful. Yet we confess that, all too often, we fail to live up to Your hopes for us. Instead of love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment. Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy. Forgive us, O God. In Your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit through the grace of Christ, our Lord. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Commentary on The Word

“Perseverance”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“Blest Be the God of Israel”

by J. Carter

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

“The Solid Rock”

arr. Raymond Haan

***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 # 269 *“Lead On, O King Eternal!”*

***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

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

by David Cherwien

*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**, recovering from knee replacement.
- **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

Questions for Reflection and Practical Application

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

1) *What weight needs to be gone?*

2) *How do I want to finish this race by sharing God's grace?*

3) *How can I set up my life so I can run my earthly race and win?*

4) *Who am I sharing this journey with who can give honest feedback and hold me accountable?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Doug McMillan and Ken and Anne Malcolm by Kaye McMillan.

UPCOMING:

Today 8/17 4-6 pm SPY Pool Party
Tuesday 8/19 4:30 pm Staff Relations Committee Meeting
Wednesday 8/20 8 am Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday 8/24 9:45 am Sunday School For Adults
10:30 am Meet and Greet Before Worship
11 am Worship
Monday 8/25 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting
Wednesday 8/27 5:30 pm Session Meeting
Thursday 8/28 5:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting

SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) for 6th -12th grades will meet at Emily and Erin Sellers' house for an End of the Summer Pool Party today 4-6 pm.

Thank you to all who helped in the nursery this summer! We are grateful for each of you. Join us in welcoming our newly hired nursery workers Skyler Dimmick and Sara Beth Sellers. They will be in the nursery on Sunday mornings so stop by and introduce yourself.

Bring your third grade Bible or childhood Bible to church on Sunday, September 7th. Celebrate with our third graders as they receive their Bibles during worship. We will be placing our Bibles on the communion table as a visual reminder of this important faith journey milestone.

Save the date for the Rally Day Breakfast at 9:45 am on Sunday, September 7th. Enjoy breakfast and learn about the different ministries of the church and ways you can get involved.

Peacemakers for children through fifth grade begins Sunday, September 7th 5:00-6:30. Bring a friend for dinner, games, music, Bible stories, crafts and more!

The kick-off for Presbyterian Women is right around the corner. We will come together for our dinner meeting on Monday, September 8th, at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite salad of ANY kind. We will enjoy fellowship, install officers, and begin our bible study with lesson 1. A bus will be provided for our Scotia residents...pick-up is 5:45.

Weird Request from the CN& E Committee please save your plastic lids of all sizes, shapes, and colors. We have a project that requires thousands of lids! Place them in the buckets in the office and outside of the sanctuary.

Meet and Greet! Join us for coffee and lemonade at 10:30 am next Sunday, August 24th at the water fountain in the sanctuary hall. Come to church a little early and catch up with your neighbors and get to know our visitors. Refreshments provided by the Christian Nurture & Education Committee.

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