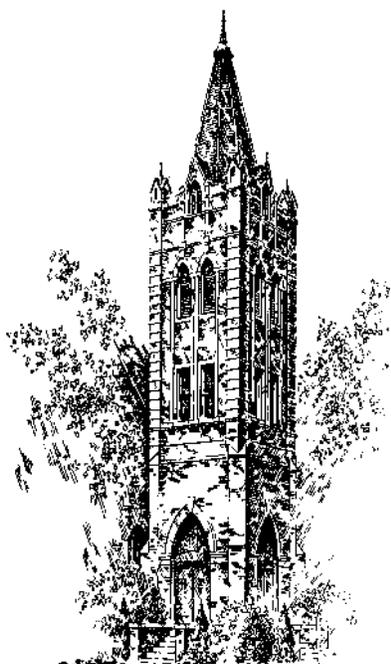


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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

"I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills"

by Dale Wood

Psalm 121:1-2

*Call to Worship

Leader: With all our hearts, let us praise God.

All: With all that we are, we will praise God's holy name!

Leader: With all our hearts, let us bless God.

All: We will never forget how kind God has been.

Leader: The Lord forgives our sins, heals our weakness, and gives us life everlasting.

All: Let us worship God who is merciful and patient, whose love never fails.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise #620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God, our judge and our hope, we confess we often turn away from Your truth, and ignore Your call to do justice. Forgive us when we say one thing in worship but do another in the ways we live. Forgive us when we ignore how others are treated and think only of ourselves. Let Your judgement awaken us and your mercy refresh us. 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

Luke 13:10-17

Commentary on The Word *“Jesus the Rule Breaker”* Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem *“Known to You”* by David Catherwood

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory Meditation on *“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”* by Charles Callahan

***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 # 700 *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

***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 *“Jesus Shall Reign”* by Alexander Matthews

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Wilburn Townsend, Jr., Virginia Mason Sanders, Ralph Dame Sanders, Marie Cornelius Mason, Kathryn James Mason, Ann Marie Mason, Ann Groves McNeill and Betty Cox Gordon by their family and friend.

UPCOMING:

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
Sunday 8/31 9:45 am Sunday School For Adults
11 am Worship

Meet and Greet! Join us for coffee and lemonade at 10:30 am 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.

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.

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