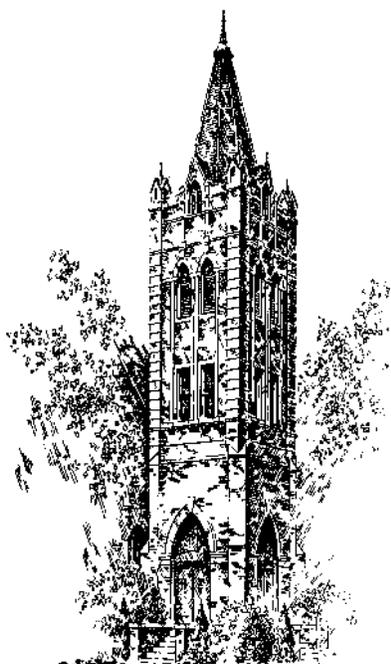


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 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

Pastor John Stanley

### Prelude

*"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"*

by David Cherwien

### \*Call to Worship

Maggie Wells

LEADER: O God, You have searched us and known us.

**All: You know when we sit down and when we rise up.**

LEADER: You discern our thoughts from far away.

**All: Before a word is on our tongues, Lord, You know it completely.**

LEADER: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, and so we humble ourselves in worship.

**All: In this hour, search us and know our hearts, O God, and lead us in the way everlasting.**

### \*Invocation

**\*Hymn of Praise** #475 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**We gather in Jesus' name to hear the stories He told, to gain wisdom and to know Your Spirit's guidance. Yet we confess that pride prevents us from hearing the good news and that we resist the power of Your Word to change us. Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are and set us free to be who You have called us to be.**

### 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

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through  
 this and ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it  
 strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986  
 music: Thomas Tallis, adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c.1561

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Luke 15:1-10

**Commentary on The Word**

*“God of Lost Sheep”*

Pastor John Stanley

**Anthem**

*“Thee We Adore”*

by Frederick Candlyn

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

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

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

- The Invitation
- The Words of Institution
- The Communion
- Prayer After Communion

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory**

*“Adagio”*

by Tommaso Albinoni

**\*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 # 187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**\*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**

"Rondeau"

by Joseph Mouret

\*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.)

- The Family of Doug Hix
- The Family of Norma McKeithan
- Lynn Massey (Knee replacement)
- Meredith Bounds, Chemotherapy
- John Carmichael, Cardio rehab
- Barbara Salzlein, Continuing health concerns
- Charles Liles, Health concerns
- LeGette McLean, Continuing cancer treatments
- Beth Newbold, Continuing health concerns

## **Friends of Congregation**

- Gary Grady, Brother of Carolina Caddell, who recently lost his wife to breast cancer.
- Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter, (Colon Cancer, Stage 3, Chemotherapy, waiting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Surgery)
- Janet McQueen, Mother of Alex Bryant, Cancer treatment
- Ashleigh Bailey & Family (Sutherlands) Military in Qatar.
- Sammy Simmons, recovering after hospital stay
- Sara Tezzi, granddaughter of Sammy and Linda Simmons
- Fletcher Kendall, Atlanta. 7-year-old grandson of Paul & Judy Rush, Leukemia
- Sammy Townsend, Liberty Commons Nursing, Sanford.

## **Scotia Village Skilled Nursing**

Rose Stanley, Anne Ramsay Melton, Elizabeth McIntosh  
Goode Mobley (Memory)

## **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 in memory of all Presbyterian Women who have joined the church triumphant since All Saint's Day.

## **Marie Wike Love**

February 11, 1923 ~ April 22, 2025

## **Norma Leigh Holt McKeithan**

June 23, 1934 ~ August 27, 2025

## **Catherine Quick McLaurin**

December 4, 1937 ~ October 17, 2024

## **Claudia "Sis" Thrower Thomas**

July 9, 1939 ~ April 17, 2025

### **UPCOMING:**

- Today 9/14** 5:30-7 pm SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth)  
4-7 pm Hobbs GRACE Group
- Monday 9/15** 5 pm Nichols/Caddell GRACE Group
- Tuesday 9/16** 8 am Finance Committee Meeting  
4:30 pm Staff Relations Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Wednesday 9/17** 10:30 am Time with the Pastors at Scotia Village (MMEC Room)  
3 pm PW Circle 3 at Scotia Village  
6 pm Fellowship Supper/Barn Dance  
7:15 Choir Rehearsal

**Hobbs GRACE Group will gather** Sunday, September 14 at the Hobbs' home at 12421 Olde Farm Circle from 4-7 PM. The menu will be fun finger foods. Chicken wings, deviled eggs, and a charcuterie platter will be provided, along with a variety of beverages. Please either email us or call us to say if you can come and if you would like to bring either an appetizer or a simple dessert. If you need transportation, especially to and from Scotia, please let us know and we will happily provide door to door service. We hope to see everyone!

**SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) meets Sunday, Sept 14th 5:30pm** at Faith Presbyterian Church. Join other Presbyterian youth (6th-12th grades) for fun and fellowship.

**The Nichols/Caddell GRACE Group** will meet for an end-of-summer pool party at the home of Candy and Dean Nichols on Monday, September 15 at 5:30 pm. Bring a towel and come to have fun in the pool and eat supper! See you there!

**Don't forget about the exciting Barn Dance and Fellowship Supper this Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm.** Bring your favorite Italian dish to share and dance to calls by renowned called T.D. Wells. If you need a ride from Scotia Village, let Lisa know by Tuesday.

## **Entered the Church Triumphant:**

Doug Hix-April 1, 1928 ~ August 16, 2025

Norma McKeithan- June 23, 1934 ~ August 27, 2025

**The BEG Committee** did not have a table or booth at Rally Day because we were too busy changing light bulbs, cleaning gutters and making repairs to get to the rally day. That's what we do. The Building Equipment and Grounds Committee is responsible for cleaning, maintaining and repairing our facilities. Some things we do ourselves, other things with paid contractors or services. We need your help. If you feel called to help take care of our wonderful sanctuary, fellowship hall and grounds, come to our next meeting on Monday at 5:45. If you are interested but can't make the meeting give me a call. Bill Purcell II 910-277-1980 or 910-280-1723

**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

## **SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

### **Deacon Greeters/Visitors**

Sept 7-13	Carol Edwards
Sep 14-20	Louise Mabry
Sept 21-27	Hillary Sessions
Sept 28- Oct 4	Debra Sutherland

### **Bus Drivers:**

September 7	Scott Sellers
September 14	Earl Bowling
September 21	David Carmichael
September 28	Jamie Sutherland

### **Sanctuary Committee:**

\*Celeste McRae Pat Ellis  
Charlotte McLean John McRae

### **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	Gray Sellers
Anne Sprouse	Jimmy Stubbs