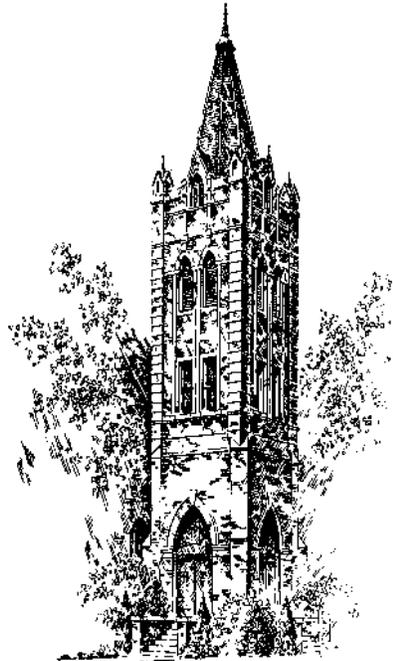


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

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

September 21, 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

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

arr. Gordon Young

### \*Call to Worship

Danny Caddell

**Pastor:** Peace be with you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who has conquered death and shown us how to live.

**People** **We need the gift of peace for our harried days;  
and we need it for our troubled world.**

**Pastor:** God gives us counsel and instruction  
and is always available at our right hand.

**People:** **Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice;  
we shall not be moved.**

**Pastor:** In hope and confidence we come to praise God  
for the heritage and opportunity given to us.

**People:** **We are full of gladness in the presence of Christ,  
whose ways we seek to follow.**

### \*Invocation

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

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to our old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence, and yet the darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered ourselves. So we continue to pursue our flights of fancy, and pretend that we can go it alone. Forgive our overblown egos, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** God has mercy upon us and hears our confession. In Christ we have the assurance that we dwell not alone. All who approach God with a desire for wholeness will be filled with living waters, which the Spirit gives.

**People:** **We are refreshed by The Spirit as we search for God's will in our lives.  
Thanks be to God, 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**

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 17:11-19

**Commentary on The Word** “Mercy” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**Anthem** “With the Lord There is Mercy” by William P. Rowen

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
Out of the depths, I cry to you O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.  
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory** “Amazing Grace” 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 # 435** *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

**\*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**

*"Fugue in G"*

J.S. Bach

\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

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2025 Pledge Detail As Of W/E 9/14/25

		Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
<b>Welcome back after Summer Season! As we enter the Fall, a friendly reminder to fulfill your outstanding pledge balance.</b>	Annual	\$266,300	\$200,430	(\$65,870)	75
	Monthly	\$122,085	\$87,272	(\$34,813)	71
	Quarterly	\$17,420	\$8,790	(\$8,630)	50
	Weekly	\$23,935	\$16,420	(\$7,515)	68
	Total	\$429,740	\$312,912	(\$116,828)	72

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**Jeremiah’s Call, The Prophetic Imagination and YOU**

Facilitated by Rev. Rebekah

*Using Jeremiah’s call as our base text (Jeremiah 1:4-10) and utilizing the work of Walter Brueggeman’s The Prophetic Imagination, we will examine our own lives, preparing ourselves to be a visionary prophetic voice and presence in a hurting world*

*Dates and Times - October 12, 19, 26 – 4 to 530 PM – LPC Chapel*

***Childcare Provided Upon Request***

*Reserve your spot with Lisa Adams – To maintain an intimate small group we will stop registration at 10*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING:

- Monday 9/22** 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting  
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Wednesday 9/24** 5:30 pm Session Meeting  
7:15 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday 9/25** 5:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting
- Sunday 9/28** 9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
11 am Worship Service (Children's Church During)

## Special Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendar:

- **October 5-** Ivano Ascari, Italian trumpet performer, will present a concert at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 5 and 4PM. Professor Ascari will be assisted by Dr. Mark Tollefsen, organ/piano; Dr. Joseph Van Hassel, percussion; and Dr. Tim Altman and Dr. Gary Malvern (Furman University), trumpets. Ivano Ascari started his career in the Bolzano Symphony Orchestra in 1978. In 1993 he left the orchestra to become professor of Trumpet at the Conservatorio in Riva Del Garda (Google Riva Del Garda... so beautiful... Lake Garda is the largest lake in Italy) and the Conservatorio in Trento (maybe you have heard of the Council of Trent). He has published THIRTEEN CD's of Trumpet music. Please join us for this exciting program of music!
- **October 19-** Hymnfest! The LPC Chancel Choir, children's choir, handbells, and guest musicians will lead the congregation in our annual Festival of Hymns during worship service.
- **October 21-** The "Ladies Who Lunch" will be meeting at Railroad Bar and Grill at 1pm. Let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know that you're coming.
- **October 22-** Trunk or Treat! Start thinking of ideas to decorate your vehicle trunk and come prepared with candy to pass out to our littlest LPC members, dressed in their best costumes! Make sure this evening of fun is on your calendar. The Fellowship Committee will provide a pizza dinner. Please RSVP to Lisa by October 17.

**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  
Sept 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

**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