

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 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 worshiping 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

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

by David Schack

*Call to Worship

John Stanley, QRE

PASTOR: From the routines of work and school, home and play,

People: we have come to worship God.

PASTOR: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,

People: we have come to worship God.

PASTOR: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,

People: we offer our prayer and praise in Jesus' name.

PASTOR: For we trust in God's power and presence,

People: so, let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** #367 *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You created human beings with gifts of intelligence and imagination. Yet we confess we often use these gifts to exploit Your creation and put others in their place. So often we think that we are great when we are small. Or we claim smallness when You set a challenge before us. We convince ourselves that our sin is not nearly as great as others, yet, every sin offends Your purpose for us. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us a truer picture of ourselves. 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

(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

Psalm 46, Jeremiah 31:31–34
Romans 3:19–25, and John 8:31–36

Commentary on The Word

“Remembering Our Heroes” “Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“A Mighty Fortress in Our God”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Today is Dedication Sunday. We shall bring our pledges for 2026 and place them in the pledge box on the communion table. Our offerings for this morning can be placed in the offering plates on the table.

Offertory

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

David Schack

*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

Hymn of Parting # 846 “Fight the Good Fight”

*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.)

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

God, Stewardship and YOU

***Stewardship Season – Supporting “The Word in Action”
October is Stewardship Month at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church!***

A legacy/end of life gift can make a huge difference for generations in the life of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church.

Estate Planning Categories

1) Bequest

A gift named in a donor’s will of a specific amount of money or a specific percentage of their estate to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2) IRA Remainder

A donor may choose to name Laurinburg Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of the remaining balance of their Individual Retirement Account

3) Life Insurance – Annuity

A donor may choose to name Laurinburg Presbyterian Church as beneficiary of their life insurance policy

Other Giving Options

1) Individual Retirement Account Distribution

A donor aged 70 1/2 or older may choose to direct the annual minimum required distribution from their IRA to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2) Gift of stock or property

Donor may choose to donate a gift of stock or real property (land) – Whether or not to accept property gifts is determined on a case by case basis

There may be tax benefits to an estate gift. Please consult your attorney or tax adviser regarding your own situation.

October 26th – Pledge Sunday – Reformation Sunday - Honoring Past Sacrifices of Church Heroes
Psalm 46, Jeremiah 31:31–34, Romans 3:19–25, and John 8:31–36

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entered the Church Triumphant

With the promise of the resurrection, the family and friends of Laurinburg Presbyterian offer our love and sympathy to the family of LeGette McLean who has ascended to his heavenly home and entered the church triumphant. Arrangements are not yet available.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Children's Church teachers.

October 30, 6 pm- The Hughes Grace Group will meet at their home.

Rev. Rebekah will be out of the office October 27-29. Rev. Rod Frohman will be on call for emergencies.

Congregational Meeting- November 2nd- A congregational meeting for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons will be held immediately following the 11 am worship service on November 2nd. LPC members, please plan to stay for just a few minutes to vote.

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

As cooler weather approaches, the middle school nurses have identified the following items as specific needs for their students: Sweatpants and coats without hoods for male and female middle school students, and camisoles (tank tops) for the girls. Please bring your donations to the church office or your circle meeting.

The FUN adults Sunday School Class meets Sundays at 9:45 am. To participate remotely, visit Zoom.com. The Meeting ID is 864 8139 8937 and the passcode is 945025

Support Cub Scout Pack 420 and Boy Scout Troop 420 of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church by purchasing car wash gift cards! Valued at \$30 but available for just \$10, these gift cards are a great way to contribute to the scouts' activities and adventures. They make perfect stocking stuffers for the holidays. You can pick up your gift cards from the church office – don't miss out on this great deal while helping a worthy cause!

SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) Pumpkin Carving Contest

Today is the last chance to vote for your favorite pumpkins created by Presbyterian youth in our area. All funds raised will benefit Church Community Services. Displays are set up in the halls outside the sanctuary and office. Stop on your way out!

All Saints Sunday November 2-

Please submit names of loved ones lost in the past year to Lisa by this Wednesday to have them included in the bulletin next week.

2026 Pledge Detail

Proposed budgeted pledges for 2026	\$467,022
Currently 19 pledges received	\$96,225
Difference	\$370,797
% received	21%

2025 Pledge Detail As Of 10/20/25

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$266,300	\$249,730	(\$16,570)	94
Monthly	\$122,085	\$98,187	(\$23,898)	80
Quarterly	\$17,420	\$12,815	(\$4,605)	74
Weekly	\$23,935	\$17,940	(\$5,995)	75
Total	\$429,740	\$378,672	(\$51,068)	88

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

Oct 26- Nov 1 Fred Albrecht
 November 2- 8 Heather Bounds
 November 9- 15 Miriam Bounds
 November 16- 22 Katherine Campbell
 November 23- 29 Katie Clark
 Nov 30- Dec 6 Carol Edwards

Sanctuary Committee:

*Maggie Wells Meredith Bounds
 Carol Coughenour Susan Williams

Bus Drivers:

Sunday, November 2 Gus Purcell
 Sunday, November 9 Boyd McLaurin
 Sunday, November 16 Eddie Carmichael
 Sunday, November 23 Bradley Williams
 Sunday, November 30 Tom Draper

Usher Team :

*Richard Mabry Earl Bowling
 Danny Caddell David Carmichael
 David Harling Bill Hill
 Richard Massey John McRae
 Scott Sellers Monroe Williams
 Andy Womble

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 LeGette McLean.
- Goode Mobley, currently admitted at SMH.
- Carol Edwards, having back surgery Oct 24.
- Charles Liles, scheduled for surgery Oct 28.
- Hart Sessions, broken arm.
- Randy Miller, dealing with health concerns.
- Meredith Bounds, chemotherapy.
- Barbara Salzlein, continuing health concerns.
- Beth Newbold, continuing health concerns.

Friends of Congregation

- Dan Woerner, former member and administrator of the McKay Sisters Foundation, recovering from spine surgery.
- Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter, (Colon Cancer, Stage 3, Chemotherapy, waiting on 2nd Surgery)
- Janet McQueen, Mother of Alex Bryant, Cancer treatment
- Ashleigh Bailey & Family (Sutherlands) Military in Qatar.
- 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

SAVE THE DATES!

November 22nd- Advent Workshop

December 7th- Christmas Pageant

2025 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:45 am Sunday School-Adults 11 am Worship (& Children's Church) 4 pm LPC Artist Series Concert 5-6:30 pm Peacemakers 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting	6 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	7 3 pm PW Circle 2 @ Eileen McKinnon's	8 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
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