

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 16, 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

"Come Away to the Skies "

Dale Wood

*Call to Worship

John Stanley, CRE

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

PEOPLE: We will lift up joyous songs and sing your praises.

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it rejoice.

PEOPLE Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

Pastor: For God will come to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

PEOPLE: Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of promise and purpose, You set before us a vision of Your new heaven and earth, yet we confess we easily cling to the past. We hold on to grudges and resentment. We grumble about change even when we see the need for it. We resist making room for those who have faced discrimination in our community. Forgive these old ways of thinking and acting. Create in us hearts made new by Your mercy and love. 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

(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

Revelation 14:1-5
 Psalm 98

Commentary on The Word

“New Songs”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“O Sing to the Lord a New Song”

Michael Burkhardt

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

Meditation on “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Gilbert Martin

***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 #821 “How Can I Keep from Singing”

***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

“A Mighty Fortress”

Wilbur Held

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of D.J. and Dot McCormick and their son, Mackey, by the family.

Pastor Office Hours- Rev. Rebekah keeps office hours Thursdays from 10 am-12 pm for those that may need to drop in. You can always call the church office to schedule an appointment with her.

RSVP by Tomorrow! Friendsgiving! The Fellowship Committee will host the November Fellowship Meal on November 19th at 6 pm in the fellowship Hall. Bring holiday sides to accompany Boston Butt.

Food Drive-All of us are aware of the issues with SNAP. It is heartbreaking watching the food lines and thinking of families going hungry, especially this close to the holidays. Laurinburg Presbyterian has a long history of giving back during crisis and we are once again stepping up. Monetary contributions written to Church Community Services earmarked "Food" can be given to the church office. There will also be boxes for collection in the office lobby and the front of the sanctuary.

The most needed food items are:

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| 1) Non-perishable fruits and vegetables | 3) Bagged and boxed pasta and potatoes |
| 2) Canned meats | 5) Dried Beans |
| | 6) Bottled water |

Christmas Cheer- Grab your tags from the tree located outside the Sanctuary and join the Deacons in blessing community families with some Christmas Cheer. Please return gifts, wrapped with the original tag attached, to the Session Room by December 7th.

Decorating for Christmas- The Worship Music and Arts Committee invites you to come lend a hand (and share some holiday cheer!) as we put up decorations and create a festive space to celebrate the birth of Christ. All ages are welcome- many hands make light work! Sunday November 23 at 3 pm. Hope to see you there!

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. Cards are good for use at the Tidal Wave Auto Spa in the Walmart parking lot or at any other Tidal Wave location. 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!

Boy Scouts Need Kitchenware for the Hut- Do you have any extra pots, pans, knives and cooking utensils in great condition laying around that you can donate to the Boy Scouts? Please contact David Harling or drop your items by the church office.

Save Your Plastic Grocery Bags! They will be used by a group of volunteers, led by Henrietta Carmichael, to weave and crochet mats for the homeless. 400 to 500 bags

are needed to make one mat. The need is great. Recycle with this great project! Bring your bags to the church office.

Mark your calendar for the Advent Workshop on Saturday, November 22nd 10:00-12:00 pm. Crafts, cookie decorating, Nativity Photos, Minute To Win It games, lunch, and more. Bring the family as we prepare for the season of Advent.

Calling all angels and shepherds! The Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 7th at 5:30 pm. Parents please contact Holly Albrecht if your child would like to participate in the retelling of the Christmas Story. Rehearsals will be the evenings of Tuesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 4th.

UNCP Holiday Extravaganza

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke Department of Music will present the SEVENTEENTH annual Holiday Extravaganza on Thursday, December 4 at 7PM in Givens Performing Arts Center (UNCP campus). This performance is a benefit for music student scholarships. It features numerous UNCP Music ensembles performing holiday favorites. Admission is \$20 for Adults, \$15 for UNCP faculty/staff, \$5 for UNCP students and children.

2026 Pledge Detail

Proposed budgeted pledges for 2026	\$467,022
Currently 62 pledges received	\$366,615
Difference	\$100,407
% received	79%

2025 Pledge Detail As Of 11/10/25

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$266,300	\$252,130	(\$14,170)	95
Monthly	\$122,085	\$105,218	(\$16,867)	86
Quarterly	\$17,420	\$12,815	(\$4,605)	74
Weekly	\$23,935	\$19,215	(\$4,720)	80
Total	\$429,740	\$389,378	(\$40,362)	91

2025 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 All Saints Sunday Worship & Congregational Meeting- 11 am Deacons Meeting- 5:30 pm Peacemakers-5-6:30 pm	3 Handbells 6:30 pm	4 PW Circle 2- 3pm in the Fellowship Hall	5 Worship Meeting 5 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	6	7	8
9 Casual Service- 11 am- in the Fellowship Hall	10 Pw Circle 1- 6 pm @Susan Hartwell's Handbells 6:30 pm	11	12 Finance Meeting 8 am CN&E Meeting 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	13 Rev. Rebekah Office Hours 10am-12pm	14	15
16 Worship- 11 am Mission Committee Meeting- 5 pm Nichols/Caddell GRACE Group @ the Hut	17 Handbells 6:30 pm	18 Staff Relations Meeting- 12 pm Ladies Lunch @Miyako-1 pm Hartwell GRACE Group @ the Albrecht's- 6 pm	19 Time with Pastors @Scotia Village-10:30 am PW Circle 3- 3 pm @Scotia Village Fellowship Meal- 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	20 Rev. Rebekah Office Hours 10am-12pm	21	22 Advent Workshop- 10 am-12 pm
23 Worship- 11 am Communion Decorate for Christmas- 3 pm Worship 11 am 1st Day of Advent Children's Church 11 am	24 PW Coordinating Team Meeting- 5:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm	25	26 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29
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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.)

- John McRae- cancer treatment
- Wayne Hobbs, ongoing health concerns.
- The Family of Peggy Medlin.
- The Dean family, upon the death of Kirsten's father, Herk Sims.
- The family of LeGette McLean.
- Carol Edwards, recovering from back surgery.
- Hart Sessions, broken arm.
- Randy Miller, dealing with health concerns.
- Meredith Bounds, chemotherapy.
- Ashleigh Bailey & Family (Sutherlands) Deployed with the Military.
- Barbara Salzlein, 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)
- Janet McQueen, Mother of Alex Bryant, cancer treatment
- Sara Tezzi, granddaughter of Sammy and Linda Simmons
- Fletcher Kendall, Atlanta. grandson of Paul & Judy Rush, Leukemia
- Sammy Townsend, Liberty Commons Nursing, Sanford.

Scotia Village Skilled Nursing

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

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

November 16- 22 Katherine Campbell

November 23- 29 Katie Clark

Nov 30- Dec 6 Carol Edwards

Bus Drivers:

November 16 Eddie Carmichael

November 23 Bradley Williams

November 30 Tom Draper

Sanctuary Committee:

*Maggie Wells Carol Coughenour

Meredith Bounds Susan Williams

Usher Team:

*Richard Mabry Earl Bowling

Danny Caddell David Carmichael

David Harling Bill Hill

Richard Massey John McRae

Scott Sellers Monroe Williams

Andy Womble