

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday November 23, 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

Reception of New Member

Cindy Dewey

To Welcome Cindy, Let Us Sing Together:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Hymn 306, verse 1)
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Prelude

"O Worship the King"

arr. Raymond Haan

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

People: **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Pastor: God comes to judge the earth.

People: **God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Blessing and honor, glory and power be to our God now and always.**

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise #268** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom and warning, we confess that we often prefer our own plans to Your purposes. We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding. Forgive us when our commitment wavers and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face. Inspire us with the example of Jesus, and energize us with Your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd, wherever he leads. 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

(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

Genesis 28:10-19
Colossians 1:11-14 and Luke 23:39-43 (read during sermon)

Commentary on The Word

“*Christ the King*”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“*River in Judea*”

John Leavitt

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

“*Christ Is the World’s True Light*”

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**

Hymn of Parting #109 “*Blest Be the God of Israel*” (Verses 1&3)

*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

“Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Haan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund in memory of Carolyn and John Henry Moore by Anne and Scott Miller and Susan and Charles Wentz.

Pastor Office Hours- While Rev. Rebekah is in the office throughout the week, Thursdays 10 am to 12 pm. are her designated office hours for those that may need to drop in. You can always call the church office to schedule an appointment if that works better for you.

Christmas Cheer- Grab your tags from the tree located in the hall between the office and the fellowship hall 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.

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 | 5) Dried Beans |
| 2) Canned meats | 6) Bottled water |
| 3) Bagged and boxed pasta and potatoes | |

Decorating for Christmas- The Worship Music and Arts Committee invites you to come lend a hand (and share some holiday cheer!) **THIS AFTERNOON at 3 pm** 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! Hope to see you there!

New Member Sunday — December 14!

We’re excited to launch a new quarterly tradition at our church: **New Member Sundays!** On **December 14**, we’ll celebrate our first one as we open our doors—and our hearts—to visitors who feel ready to make this their church home. If you’ve been worshiping with us and sense that nudge to take the next step, we would love to welcome you into our church family. If you’re interested in joining, simply contact the church office. Let’s make this a joyful day of growth, connection, and community!

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.

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	\$467,307
Currently 66 pledges received	\$372,915
Difference	\$94,392
% received	80%

2025 Pledge Detail As Of 11/17/25

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$266,300	\$252,480	(\$13,820)	95
Monthly	\$122,085	\$107,302	(\$14,783)	88
Quarterly	\$17,420	\$13,315	(\$4,105)	77
Weekly	\$23,935	\$19,640	(\$4,295)	82
Total	\$429,740	\$392,737	(\$37,003)	92

College students and parents: Please be on the lookout for the renewal email for the Jane Graham McKay & Katherine Hill McKay scholarship. It should be sent to you soon and is due in January. Make sure to renew this awesome scholarship from the McKay sisters. If you have any questions please email Dawn Sellers at dmsellers67@gmail.com.

2025

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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
9 Casual Service- 11 am- in the Fellowship Hall	10 Pw Circle 1- 6 pm @Susan Hartwell's Handbells 6:30 pm	11	12 CN&E Meeting 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm
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 Finance Meeting 8 am Time with Pastors @Scotia Village-10:30 am PW Circle 3- 3 pm @Scotia Village Fellowship Meal- 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 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
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13 Rev. Rebekah Office Hours 10am-12pm	14	15
20 Rev. Rebekah Office Hours 10am-12pm	21	22 Advent Workshop- 10 am-12 pm
27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29

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.)

- Judy Draper, recovering from knee surgery.
- 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