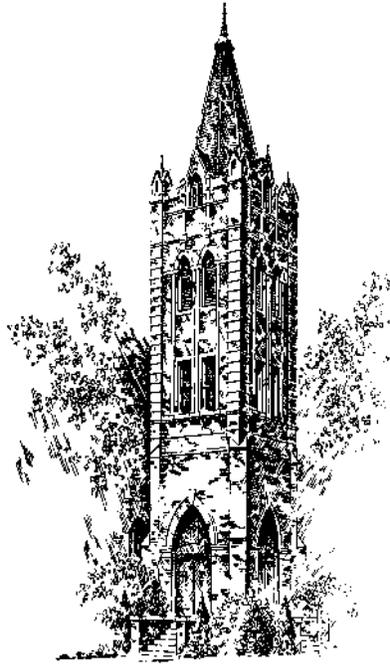


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday After Christmas

December 28, 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

Celebration of Member Joining & Baptism

Bill Bartholomew &
Sierra Bartholomew

Prelude

"Of The Father's Love Begotten"

Richard Purvis

*Call to Worship

Leader Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

All: Praise God, sun and moon!

Leader: God's name alone is exalted;

All: God is above the earth and heaven.

Leader: Young and old together, all creatures great and small,

All: Let us praise God's holy name, now and evermore!

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #134 "Joy to the World"

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of our lives and the time in which we live, we confess that we prefer our fantasy to your truth, and our plans to your purposes for us and the world. We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments, and guide us always so that we might walk in your way and follow the way of your son now and always; through the steadfast grace of Christ, 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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Commentary on The Word “Baptism Blessing” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem “Give Thanks” by Henry Smith
Stuart Carmichael, solo

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory “Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella” Christopher Uehlein

***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 #366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude “In Dulci Jubilo” by Dale Wood

(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

2025 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Clerk: Bill Purcell, II
Moderator: Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Brian Bounds	Bob Dyer	Pam Hill
Martha Fulton	Mike Edwards	Susan Hartwell
Bear Hughes	Bill Purcell II	Kirsten Dean
LeGette McLean	Emily Womble	Bradley Williams

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Heather Bounds	Katherine Campbell	Debra Sutherland
Katie Clark	Carol Edwards	Miriam Bounds
Wayne Hobbs	Phil Eshleman	Fred Albrecht
Louise Mabry	Chip Wells	Hillary Sessions

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Angela Purcell
Vice-Moderator: Denise Herr
Secretary: Chris Carmichael
Treasurer: Delia Muse
Historian: Dawn Sellers
Moderator of Search Committee: Leslie Sellers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FACEBOOK UPDATE: We are continuing to have issues with the transmission of Sunday (and other) services via the LPC Facebook page. We can't say with any confidence that these issues will be resolved anytime soon. What we are trying to do is record the service and then post it to Facebook as soon as possible. Our goal, after the beginning of the year, is to bring in new providers of audio and video services. One of the biggest changes we see is the move from Facebook to YouTube for streaming our services. So bear with us till we can make this transition. In the meantime we will continue to try to correct the problem.

Installation of Officers

Please join us next Sunday, January 4, during the 11:00 a.m. service as we celebrate the installation of our newly elected Elders and Deacons. This is an important moment in the life of our church as we welcome these faithful members into leadership. We encourage everyone to be present to offer your prayers, support, and encouragement as they begin their time of service among us.

GOD, STEWARDSHIP, AND YOU

Stewardship is your personal commitment of time, talent, and treasure that God has blessed you with...your commitment to doing God's work here and now. Recently Rev. Rebekah asked for help with reading during worship. Could this be an opportunity for you? As we approach a new year ask yourself how you can be a better steward of the gifts you have been given. The opportunities are all around us and God needs our help to reach His people.

Volunteers Needed!

- The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee is seeking volunteers to help **take down the Christmas decorations** throughout the church on **January 5th at 10:00 a.m.** If you're available, please join us for a morning of teamwork and good company as we wrap up the holiday season. Your help is greatly appreciated!
- The Sanctuary Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help prepare the sanctuary for worship each week. This is a meaningful behind-the-scenes ministry that helps create a welcoming and worshipful environment for our congregation. If you are already a member of the Sanctuary Committee and are willing to serve for an additional month during the year, contact Beverly Bowling.

SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) will not meet in January, enjoy a night off! Get ready for an exciting event in February....more information coming soon!

We are collecting birthday cake supplies! To celebrate the beginning of a new year, Peacemakers will be making Birthday Boxes for Church Community Service and Family Promise on January 4th. The box is a disposable 9X13 aluminum pan, a cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, and a birthday banner. Join us in helping our neighbors by contributing some of the above items. The Dollar Tree and Dollar General have many of the items! Thank you for your generosity. Birthday Boxes will be assembled on January 4th. Items may be placed in the Birthday box in the church office.

Children thru 5th grade join us for Peacemakers on Sunday, January 4th 5:00-6:30pm. Games, music, a Bible story, and a Birthday Box mission project. Please bring items for the Birthday Boxes (cake mix, 9x13 disposable pans, frosting, birthday candles, birthday banner). We will assemble the boxes to be given to Church Community Service and Family Promise.

The First Sunday of each month is SHARING AND CARING DAY! Next Sunday, bring your donations with you for Church Community Services and for our on-site Blessing Box. **In January, we would like to focus on ready-to-eat canned meats.** (pop-tops are always appreciated) Of course, donations of all types are always welcome! Many households in our community face food insecurity, and your ongoing support helps ensure that neighbors in need have access to essential items. Donations can also be dropped off anytime in the collection boxes located in the church office lobby. Thank you for helping us care for our community through your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

Jan 4-10 Philip Eshleman
 Jan 11-17 Fred Albrecht
 Jan 18- 24 Miriam Bounds
 Jan 25-31 Katherine Campbell

Usher Team:

*Allen McLaurin Clifton Buie
 Jim Coughenour Philip Eshleman
 Hal Jernigan Charles Liles
 Alex Medlin Jackson Medlin
 John McLaurin Gus Purcell, II
 Gus Purcell Anne Sprouse
 Gray Sellers Jimmy Stubbs

Bus Drivers:

Sunday, January 4 Allen McLaurin
 Sunday, January 11 Andy Womble
 Sunday, January 18 Ed O'Neal
 Sunday, January 25 Scott Sellers

Sanctuary Committee:

Edna Ann Loftus Miriam Bounds
 Laurene Stubbs Sarah Williams

The FUN Adults Sunday School Class meets Sundays at 9:45 am. For those who can not make it in person, the Zoom Meeting ID is 864 8139 8937 and the passcode is 945025. To participate, click the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398937?pwd=ZZ6xav90HvhYtvjBbdifpkE0apMDPI.1>

10.12.25 REVISED Fun Class Schedule 2025 – 2026				
	NOTES	TITLE	THEME	SPEAKER
7-Dec		<i>J to C #4 Paul vs. James vs. John: 30 AD to 325 AD</i>	Bible	Rod Frohman
14-Dec		<i>JC5 End of Christian Synagogue: 30 AD to 325 AD</i>	Theology/Bible	Rod Frohman
21-Dec		<i>Christmas Carol Singing</i>	Music	Dwight Williams
28-Dec	No Class			
4-Jan		<i>Jesus to Cpnstantine #6 Gnosticism: 30 AD to 325 AD</i>	Theology/Bible	Rod Frohman
11-Jan		<i>Gospel Comparison: What the Differences Mean</i>	Bible	Bill Purcell, II
18-Jan		<i>What we Know About Jesus before the Gospels Part 1</i>	Bible	Bill Purcell, II
25-Jan	MLK weekend	<i>What we Know About Jesus before the Gospels Part 2</i>	Bible	Bill Purcell, II

2025 Pledge Detail As Of 12/21/25

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$266,300	\$263,120	(\$3,180)	99
Monthly	\$122,085	\$120,192	(\$1,893)	99
Quarterly	\$17,420	\$13,895	(\$3,525)	80
Weekly	\$23,935	\$23,835	(\$100)	99
Total	\$429,740	\$421,042	(\$8,698)	98

2026 Pledge Detail

Budgeted Pledges for 2026	\$449,457
Currently 85 Pledges Received	\$431,855
Shortfall	\$17,602
% Received	96%

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.)

- Barbara Salzlein, continuing health concerns. Currently at Pinehurst Nursing and Rehab Center.
- Gail and Goode Mobley, ongoing health concerns.
- Virginia Sessions, broken arm.
- Eleanor McRae, recovering from a fall.
- Goode Mobley, ongoing health concerns.
- Judy Draper, recovering from knee surgery.
- John McRae- cancer treatment.
- Wayne Hobbs, ongoing health concerns.
- Carol Edwards, recovering from back surgery.
- Randy Miller, dealing with health concerns.
- Meredith Bounds, chemotherapy.
- Ashleigh Bailey & Family (Sutherlands) Deployed with the Military.

Friends of Congregation

- John McLean, LPC Custodian, cancer treatment
- 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), Bob Gordon

Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen)

Daphne Gaw, John and Henrietta Carmichael, Jean Clansky, Sibyle Dulin