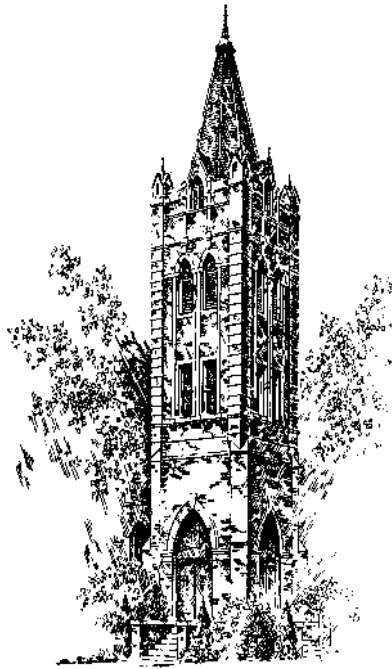


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday After Christmas

January 4, 2026

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

Installation of New Officers

Prelude

"I Wonder as I Wander"

by Gordon Schuster

Jane McLaurin, flute

Lee Harris, organ

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

PEOPLE: Praise the Creator of the sun and moon and shining stars!

LEADER: Give praise, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

PEOPLE: Give praise, hills and mountains.

LEADER: All people together, let us praise the name of the Lord and declare God's glory in heaven and on earth.

PEOPLE: Let us worship God!

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** #662 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of light and life, you have come to us in Christ Jesus to open a path to new life, but we fall back on what is familiar. We confess that we are in love with our old ways and our resolutions for change fall short. Forgive us who we have been, amend who we are and direct who we shall be. 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

New Testament Scripture John 10:11-18

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 23

Commentary on The Word “The Shepherd” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem “A Christmas Blessing” by Philip Stopford
Jaime Martinez, soprano

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory “The Three Kings” by Wilbur Held

***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 #137** “He Came Down”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude “Oh God, You Declare Your Mighty Power” by Mark Andersen

(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

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. So bear with us till we can make this transition. In the meantime we will continue to try to correct the problem.

2026 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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

ELDERS

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Bob Dyer	Pam Hill	Hew Fulton
Mike Edwards	Susan Hartwell	Jane McLaurin
Bill Purcell II	Kirsten Dean	Jim McQueen
Emily Womble	Bradley Williams	Leslie Sellers

DEACONS

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Katherine Campbell	Debra Sutherland	Chris Carmichael
Carol Edwards	Miriam Bounds	Carol Coughenour
Phil Eshleman	Fred Albrecht	Tom Draper
Chip Wells	Hillary Sessions	Rachel Nalaweja

Presbyterian Women

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

2025 Pledge Detail As Of 12/28/25

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$266,300	\$265,320	(\$980)	99
Monthly	\$122,085	\$123,350	\$1,265	100
Quarterly	\$17,420	\$14,420	(\$3,000)	83
Weekly	\$23,935	\$24,110	175	100
Total	\$429,740	\$427,200	(\$2,540)	99

2026 Pledge Detail

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children thru 5th grade join us for Peacemakers this evening, 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.

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!

Volunteers Needed!

- The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee is seeking volunteers to help **take down the Christmas decorations** throughout the church tomorrow, **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.

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.

10.12.25	REVISED Fun Adults Class Schedule			
	NOTES	TITLE	THEME	SPEAKER
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

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.)

- Meredith Bounds, recovering from cancer surgery.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

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

Bus Drivers:

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

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

Sanctuary Committee:

Edna Ann Loftus	Miriam Bounds
Laurene Stubbs	Sarah Williams

January Calendar

- 4- Installation of New Elders and Deacons 11 am
Elder Training Lunch- After Worship
Peacemakers 5-6:30 pm
- 5- Un-decorate church from Christmas 10 am
- 6- PW Circle 2 Meeting 3 pm- Fellowship Hall
- 7- Worship Committee Meeting 5 pm
- 12- PW Circle 1 Meeting 7 pm @ Angela Purcell's
- 14- CN&E Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
- 20- Staff Relations Committee Meeting 4:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 420 Honor Court in the Hut 7 pm
- 21- Finance Committee Meeting 8 am
Time With Pastors @ Scotia 10:30 am
PW Circle 3 3 pm- Scotia 2nd Floor Living Room
- 26- PW Coordinating Team Meeting 5:30 pm
- 28- Investment Committee Meeting- 9 am
Session Meeting 5:30 pm
- 29- Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm

Every Week:

Sunday School for Adults 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Handbell Practice is Every Monday at 6:15 pm
Choir Practice is Every Wednesday at 7:15 pm