



Sunday, January 11, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rebekah

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: On this day of memories, we gather to sing and to pray;

PEOPLE: we remember the past and look to the future.

Pastor: On this day when the guns and cannons fell silent,

PEOPLE: we come before you, God, seeking your peace.

Pastor: On this day of hope in the face of terror,

PEOPLE: we come before you, God, believing in your promise.

Pastor: Let us worship God together, in peace.

OPENING SONGS

HYMN # 664

"Morning Has Broken"

HYMN # 291

"Spirit of Gentleness"

SONG

"All Who Are Thirsty"

All who are thirsty
And all who are weak

Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the streams of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come

To all who are thirsty
And all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the streams of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR-----PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please take a few minutes and greet your neighbors.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children of all ages are invited

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)

I. II. 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

SCRIPTURE Interspersed Throughout Sermon

SERMON *"The Power of Water"* Rev. Rebekah Carpenter
 Dr. Hillary Sessions

SPECIAL MUSIC "Down to the River to Pray"

As I went down in the river to pray
 Studying about that good old way
 And who shall wear the robe and crown
 Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down
 Let's go down, come on down
 Come on brothers let's go down
 Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
 Studying about that good old way
 And who shall wear the starry crown
 Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers let's go down
 Let's go down, come on down
 Come on mothers let's go down
 Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

PRAYER CONCERNS

COMMUNION

(Choir singing during communion "Come as You Are" by Richard Sabolick)

OFFERTORY

CHARGE

CLOSING HYMN #157 "Here I am Lord"

2026 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
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

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Jane McKeithan Purcell by the family.

GOD, STEWARDSHIP, AND YOU

Thank you for your financial support in 2025. Contributions made were 99% of pledges committed which is excellent. Because of your continued support we are able to be *The Word in Action* to our members and beyond. As we move forward let's be aware that stewardship includes time and talent. Make a commitment to give of your time and talent this year. We need everyone and everyone has something to offer. Don't wait to be asked. Opportunities abound. God needs our help to do His work in Laurinburg and in and Scotland County....and He has a lot of work to do.

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!

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.

GRACE GROUPS

We hope everyone has had a good GRACE Group year. As we prepare for a new year, we are in need of leaders. The leader is responsible for communicating to the group when and where meetings will be held, who will be hosting the meeting, and how you can help the hostess. Please contact

Emily Womble (wombleemily@gmail.com, text or call 910-610-5283) if you are interested in being a leader. We are looking forward to another great year starting in February.

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.

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 Presbyterian 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.
- 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.

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

2025 Pledge Detail As Of 12/31/25

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$266,300	\$268,320	\$2,020	101
Monthly	\$122,085	\$123,350	\$1,265	101
Quarterly	\$17,420	\$14,420	(\$3,000)	83
Weekly	\$23,935	\$24,185	250	101
Total	\$429,740	\$430,275	535	101

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 6 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

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 Gus Purcell
- Sunday, January 25 Will Clark

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

Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women will continue this year's bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Hope to see you at one of the following circles:

- Circle 1 –Susan Hartwell: Monday, January 12, 6:00 pm, home of Angela Purcell -708 West Church Street, Laurinburg. If possible, please RSVP to Angela @ 910-280-0666.
- Circle 2 – Anne Sprouse: Tuesday, January 6, 3:00 pm - LPC fellowship hall
- Circle 3 – Carolina Caddell: Wednesday, January 21, 3:00 at Scotia - 2nd floor

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on Monday, January 26, at 5:30 in the session room.

Mark your calendars for this year's Presbyterian Women's retreat!!

Saturday, March 14 (social on Friday, March 13 - location for social at Scotia Village TBD) Our leader this year is Leigh Anne Ring, a Minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Her ministry has centered on nurturing faith through teaching, worship, and pastoral care.

Montpelier Presbyterian Church in Wagram invites you to come visit them in Wagram for two special events:

- **A Soup Supper on Wednesday, January 21, from 4:00–6:30 p.m.**
Come enjoy a bowl of hot, nourishing soup served with a sandwich, dessert, and drink for **\$10**.
 - Want some to take home—or to share with a neighbor or friend?
\$5/pint
\$10/quart
 - Warm food, good fellowship, and a great cause—we hope to see you there!
- **An evening of good-feeling Gospel music by Kat's Cool Cats, Sunday, January 25 at 6 pm.**