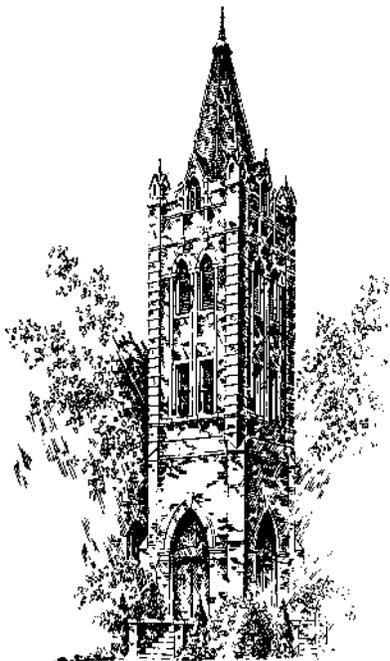


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 18, 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

Minute for Mission

Kristy Ruscoe, Executive Director
Family Promise of Scotland County

Prelude

"From Heaven to Earth Christ Came"

Johann Pachelbel

*Call to Worship

Hew Fulton

Leader: How precious is God's steadfast love!

PEOPLE: **We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings**

Leader: Come and feast on God's abundance.

PEOPLE: **We will drink from the river of God's delights.**

Leader: For with God is the fountain of life;

PEOPLE: **And in God's light we will see light.**

Leader: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

PEOPLE: **We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 336 "We Gather Together"

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled. By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in you. 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)

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

***Hymn of Worship # 442** “Just as I Am, without One Plea” (vs. 1-3)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 49:1-7

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

Anthem “Servants of Peace” Quinn/Scott

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory “I Danced in the Morning” arr. 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**

***The Apostle’s Creed** (pg 35 in front of the hymnal)

***Hymn of Parting # 744** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***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

“Praise the Savior Who Redeemed Us”

Mark Andersen

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of W. R. Dulin and the Reverend and Mrs. D. H. Dulin by Sibyle Dulin.

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 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.

Save the Dates for February:

Sunday February 1- Scout Sunday- Scouts from troop 420 lead 11 am worship.

Saturday, February 7- Elder and Deacon Training 9am-2 pm

Saturday, February 14-Cheesy Valentine’s Day Party. Celebrate Valentine’s Day with your church family.

Wednesday, February 18- Ash Wednesday

- 5:45 pm-Fellowship Supper
- 6:30 pm Taize Service

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Birthday Boxes. The children in Peacemakers made 35 birthday boxes complete with cake mix, frosting, candles, and a birthday banner. The boxes were distributed to our neighbors at Church Community Service and Family Promise of Scotland County.

From the Worship, Music and the Arts Committee-

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to help take down the Christmas decorations. Your willingness to serve made the work quick and joyful. We’re grateful for each of you and the care you show for our church.

Scholarship Opportunities: The following scholarships are open and the deadlines vary so please look at those carefully. The Katie Groves McNeill, Presbyterian Women, and the

Lorena Clark Piner application forms can be found on our LPC website. The Jane Graham McKay and Katherine Hill McKay endowment scholarship can be found on the Foundations of the Carolinas website. If you have any questions please email Dawn Sellers at dmsellers67@gmail.com or text her at 910-277-6331.

*Katie Groves McNeill-March 31

*Presbyterian Women-March 31

*Lorena Clark Piner-February 15

*Jane Graham McKay and Katherine Hill McKay Endowment Scholarship-February 27

Praise be to God! John McRae and Judy Draper are being removed from the prayer list! John has completed his cancer treatment, and Judy is recovering well from knee surgery. Both extend their sincere thanks to the LPC church family for the many thoughts, prayers, and ongoing support during their recoveries.

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.

- Louise Mabry and family, upon the death of her sister-in-law, Dr. Diane Failor Rowell.
- 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.
- 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

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 Allen McLaurin
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
Fred Albrecht

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.

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
- 25- Mission Committee Meeting 5:00 pm
- 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

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.**

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