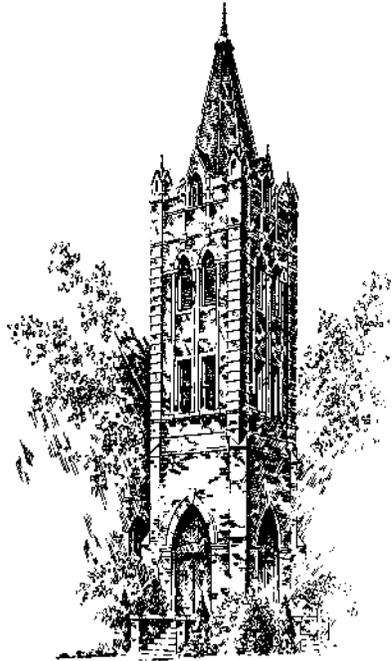


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 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

Scott Miller, CRE

### Minute For Mission

*The Blanket Project*

Angela Purcell

### Prelude

"Liebster Jesu"

Richard Purvis

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come and see what God has done

**People: God is awesome in God's deeds**

Leader: God turned the sea into dry land

**People: God's people passed through the river on foot**

Leader: Make a joyful noise all the earth

**People: Sing the glory of God's name**

### Invitation to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

Leader: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; I declare to you that through Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven**

### \*Invocation

**\*Hymn of Praise #301 "Let Us Build a House" (All Are Welcome)**

### Assurance of Pardon

**\*Congregational Response #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**



**\*Hymn of Parting #366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**\*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**

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

Paul Manz

\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. George Melton by his children, grandchildren and great-grandsons.

**\*Rev. Rebekah is out on vacation the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>.** Rev. Dwight Williams is the pastor on call for emergencies. 910-995-3517

**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.

### **Church World Service Blanket Project – February 1**

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That’s why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.

When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way. Laurinburg Presbyterian will be collecting for the blanket project on Sunday, February 1. Please consider a donation to warm the hearts and hands of people in need.

To make a donation:

1. Put money or a check into the blanket project envelope provided on February 1.
2. Send a check to LPC with “blanket project” on the memo line.
3. Donate online at [cwsblankets.org/donate](https://cwsblankets.org/donate)
4. Use the "Give Now" button on our website, choose “Other Special Offerings” and put “Blanket Program” in the notes field

## Save the Dates for February:

**Sunday February 1-** Scout Sunday, where Scouts from Troop 420 lead 11 am worship.  
Caring and Sharing Sunday- Bring your donations!

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

**Saturday, February 14-**Cheesy Valentine's Day Party 5-7 pm. Celebrate Valentine's Day with your church family.

**Wednesday, February 18-** Ash Wednesday

- 12 pm- Weekly Lenten lunches start at First United Methodist Church
- 5:30 pm-Fellowship Supper- Pancake Supper; bring breakfast foods to share such as bacon, sausage, fruit, breakfast casseroles. RSVP by Monday, Feb 16.
- 6:30 pm Taize Service

**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](mailto: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

**The Fellowship Committee is looking for a few new hands and hearts to join us!** We help create welcoming moments of connection by providing or arranging food for special gatherings like our monthly 3rd Wednesday evening fellowship meals, the Advent Workshop, and other events as needed. These meals and treats are a simple but powerful way we care for one another and build community. If you enjoy hospitality, working behind the scenes, or simply helping people feel at home, this might be a great fit for you. Whether you like to cook, organize, shop, or just lend a hand now and then, your gifts are welcome. Please consider joining the Fellowship Committee and helping nourish both body and spirit.

### **Worship Music and Arts - Communion 2026**

After many thoughtful conversations and prayerful consideration, the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee has decided that communion will be served in 2026 by inviting those who are able to come forward to receive the elements. We recognize and respect that some members prefer to be served in their seats, and we will continue to serve anyone who is unable to come forward. Homebound members will also be given the option to receive communion at home on Sundays when communion is served during the morning worship service. This approach seeks to honor both the meaningful, intentional response experienced by those who come forward and the accessibility needs of those who cannot.

### **Missing Parament**

Once again, we are missing one of our red paraments. If you have borrowed it, please return it as soon as possible. Anyone interested in borrowing any of our worship service

paraments or other items, please check with Beverly Bowling or Carol Coughenour before using them. We hope the missing parament returns soon.

### **The Worship, Music and Arts**

Be on the lookout for our casual service survey in February. We would like to get good information from our church members regarding our casual services. Here is a good description of a casual service: *A casual Presbyterian service is an informal, welcoming, and relaxed worship experience that retains core Reformed elements (Scripture, prayer, sacraments) but often features flexible, modern, or hybrid elements. These services emphasize connection and community, often featuring casual attire.* The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Surveys will be available via electronic link or paper copy on Sundays and in the church office. **All surveys are anonymous.** The Worship, Music and Arts committee appreciates your time completing this important survey in February.

**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.

- David Breeden, hospitalized in Pineville.
- Sibyle Dulin, recovering from a fall.
- 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.
- 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
- 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.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Living Room
- 25- Mission Committee Meeting 5:00 pm  
Caddell-Nichols GRACE Group 5:30 at the Hut
- 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

**The Ladies Who Lunch** are resuming their monthly get-togethers in February starting Tuesday, February 10 at 12:30 at Mi Casita Mexican Restaurant. All are invited! We hope you'll join us for this cherished time of food and fellowship. Let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know that you will attend so they can make an appropriate reservation.

**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