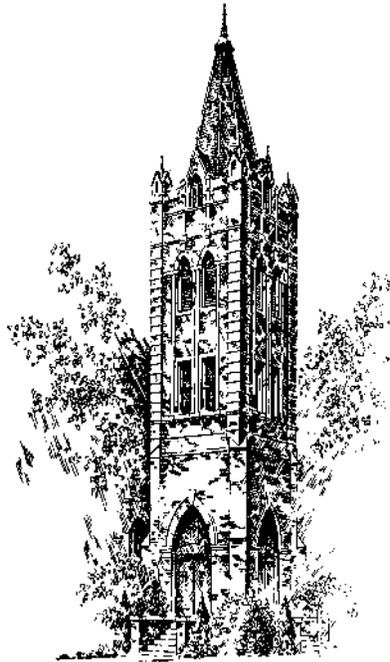


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 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 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 New Members Joining

Portia Tetteh, Emmanuel Arhin
and their son, Gilbert Arhin

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Diane Bish

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Let us make melody before our God!

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

Leader: A song of praise is always fitting,

All: For God heals the broken-hearted and binds up our wounds.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of life and love, at this season of the year our hearts are grateful for all the love that touches our lives. Still, we confess that we are not always shining examples of the love we long for. Forgive us for those times when we failed to keep our word and disappointed those who love us. Forgive us when we give into our tempers and temptations and disappoint your hopes for us. Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus, your love made flesh. 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.”

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

TALLIS' CANON

I. II.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Commentary on The Word

“Breaking-In”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“A Glimpse of Glory”

David Ashley White

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

THE LORD’S SUPPER

- The Invitation
- The Words of Institution
- The Communion
- Prayer After Communion

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

“Light (John 1:4)”

Bill Williams

***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** #190 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

***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

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children will be staying in worship for Communion Sunday. A worship bag will be available to encourage their participation. Childcare for four-year-olds and younger will be provided after the Time With Children.

Coming Up-

Monday February 16-

Wednesday February 18-

6:15 pm Handbells Rehearsal

8 am Finance Committee Meeting

10:30 am Time With Pastors at Scotia

12 pm Lenten Lunch & Worship at FUMC

3 pm PW Circle 3 at Scotia Village

5:30 pm Pancake Supper

6:30 Ash Wednesday Taizé Service

Taizé Service

A Contemplative Service of Prayer and Preparation for Lent

You are invited to join us for a Taizé service — a quiet, candlelit time of prayer rooted in the ecumenical Christian tradition of the Taizé Community in France.

This contemplative service is centered on silence, Scripture, and simple, repetitive chants that allow the heart to rest in God’s presence. The gentle rhythm of music and stillness creates space for reflection, prayer, and renewal. The service lasts approximately one hour.

Unlike many worship gatherings, the Taizé service both begins and ends in silence. There will be no formal welcome; instead, we will enter together into a sacred time of stillness, beginning with the lighting of the Christ Candle.

This particular service will culminate with the Imposition of Ashes as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season — a time of repentance, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

Please note: The sanctuary will be illuminated primarily by candlelight to preserve the contemplative atmosphere. You may wish to bring a small flashlight or use your phone’s light to follow the music printed in the bulletin.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful and prayerful beginning to Lent.

The Annual Meeting of the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church will be held February 22 following the 11 am worship service. Hope you can be there!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We raised \$379 for Church Community Service.

The CN&E (Christian Nurture & Education) Committee is putting a lid on the lid collection. You have contributed thousands of lids and now it is time for next steps. Bring those last lids to church. We will take lids through February 22nd. Susan Williams is coordinating our project. If you want to be a part of the next steps please reach out to her or Holly Albrecht.

Save the date for the Word in Action Mission Camp July 13-17th. The campers will be leading the worship service on July 19th. Registration will begin soon. Space is limited. We are looking for Middle and High School youth to be Camp Counselors.

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.

The Worship, Music and Arts committee invites you to share your thoughts by completing our Casual Sunday Service survey. This completely anonymous survey includes just a few questions and should only take a few minutes to complete. You may fill it out online by clicking the survey link you should have received an email or clicking the link on the LPC website. You also have the option of completing a paper copy. Paper surveys will be available at the back of the church on Sundays throughout February and in the church office until the end of the month. Paper copies may be left in the sanctuary after the Sunday service or can be returned to Lisa in the office. Please be sure to complete the survey by the end of February so the Worship, Music and Arts Committee can consider your input. Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective.

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, February 9, 6:00 pm, home of Holly Albrecht
- Circle 2 – Anne Sprouse: Tuesday, February 10, 3:00 pm - LPC fellowship hall
- Circle 3 – Carolina Caddell: Wednesday, February 18, 3:00 at Scotia - 2nd floor

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on Monday, February 23, 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 at Scotia Village from 6-8 pm)

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.

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

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.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service

We remember our foreparents who left the barren highlands or the overcrowded cities of Scotland to carve out a better life in a new land. We honor them for their courage, determination and the gift of faith that has become our inheritance. Please join with the LPC congregation to remember those important in the formation of our denomination, family and faith by participating in the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service on March 22. If you would like to carry a banner, sign up will be taking place at the cross hall outside of the sanctuary. You may also contact or text Philip Eshleman at 309-797-3891 to request a specific family banner. Bring forth your tartans!

Moving from Toxic Charity to Long-Term, Relational Mission

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church has a long history of giving back to the community. To celebrate this reality and to move towards an even deeper level of living out our mission "To Be The Word in Action," Rev. Rebekah, Rod Frohman and Henrietta Carmichael will be leading a class that will provide our church with a Lenten journey entitled: "Moving from Toxic Charity to Long-Term, Relational Mission." This class will run from February 22nd through March 22nd on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM and will take place in our church fellowship hall.

The objective of this class will be to study the book "Toxic Charity" (How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help [And How to Reverse It]) by Bob Lupton and equip church members to:

- 1) Understand how most charity work unintentionally disempowers the underserved and becomes toxic
- 2) Gain a better understanding of our own propensity towards "Toxic Charity"
- 3) Brainstorm how Laurinburg Presbyterian Church can move forward into a healthy and deeply empowering model of mission and outreach

To sign up, please call Lisa in the church office. Before the class begins, you will be able to pick up the book Toxic Charity in the church office and start the first reading assignment before the class begins on February 22nd.

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.

- Jim Bumgardner, scheduled for back surgery 2/18.
- Emily Womble, scheduled for knee replacement surgery 2/17
- Mary Sutton, dealing with health concerns.
- Pat Hix, at Scotia Village recovering from a broken arm.
- The Family of David Breeden.
- Sibyle Dulin, recovering from a fall.
- Meredith Bounds, being treated with chemotherapy.
- Barbara Salzlein, continuing health concerns.
- Gail and Goode Mobley, 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

Philip Eshleman Feb 1-7
 Chris Carmichael Feb 8- 14
 Fred Albrecht Feb 15- 21
 Rachel Nalewaja Feb 22-28

Bus Drivers:

February 1 Boyd McLaurin
 February 8 Eddie Carmichael
 February 15 Bradley Williams
 February 22 Andy Womble

Usher Team:

*Bradley Williams	Fred Albrecht
Barbara Bateman	John Campbell
Mike Coughenour	Will Clark
Tom Draper	Sam Fulton
David Herr	Wayne Hobbs
Paul Rush	Jamie Sutherland
Michael Sellers	Drew Williamson

Sanctuary Committee:

*Martha Floyd	Susan Hartwell
Betty Jackson	Bette Sellers

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What is Happening During Lent?

- February 18** 12:00 pm Community Lenten Lunch & Worship First United Methodist Church
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Taizé Service
- February 22** 11:00 am Worship First Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Lenten Study - Toxic Charity
- February 25** 12:00 pm Community Lenten Lunch & Worship First United Methodist Church
- March 1** 11:00 am Worship Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Lenten Study - Toxic Charity
- March 4** 12:00 pm Community Lenten Lunch & Worship First United Methodist Church
- March 8** 11:00 am Worship Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Lenten Study - Toxic Charity
- March 11** 12:00 pm Community Lenten Lunch & Worship First United Methodist Church
- March 15** 11:00 am Worship Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Lenten Study - Toxic Charity
- March 18** 12:00 pm Community Lenten Lunch & Worship First United Methodist Church
- March 22** 11:00 am Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Lenten Study - Toxic Charity
- March 25** 12:00 pm Community Lenten Lunch & Worship First United Methodist Church
- March 29** Holy Week
11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship
12:00 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- April 1** 12:00 pm Community Lenten Lunch & Worship First United Methodist Church
- April 2** 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- April 5** 11:00 am Easter Worship Service