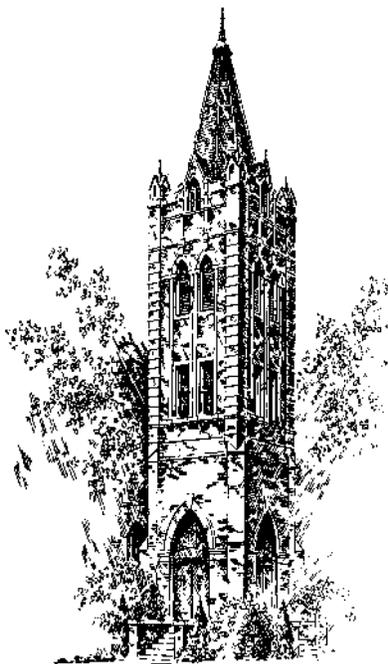


# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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

### Prelude

“How Gracious Are Thy Mercies, Lord”

arr. Wihla Hutson

### \*Call to Worship

Dr. Robert Dyer

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 #401** “Here in This Place” (vs 1 & 2)

### 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 #721 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Psalm 27:1-6; Matthew 4:12-22

**Commentary on The Word**

“The Draft”

Scott Miller, CRE

**Anthem**

“The Gift of Love”

by Hal Hopson

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

arr. Charles Cooke

**\*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**

**All: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn of Parting #69** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Annual Meeting**

*(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** “Crown Him With Many Crowns” arr. D. Williams

\*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. Winston Tornow by the family.

**Many thanks to all who helped with our Valentine’s Party.** A big thank you to all who baked and brought cakes for the cake walk. A special thank you to Pam Hill, Martha Fulton, Carol Sellers, Virginia McCormick, Chris Carmichael, and the Fellowship Committee. We had a great time!

**We’ve “put a lid on the lids.”** You have outdone yourselves with the lid donation. Thank you for your overwhelming contributions. Now we will see what magic happens with our collection. Thank you for being a part of this first step. We will be calling on you to help with the next phases of sorting and prepping. Many thanks.

**Peacemakers (children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – bring a friend for games, Bible stories, music, crafts, and more!

**The First Sunday of each month is Caring and Sharing day!** March 1<sup>st</sup>, bring your donations with you for Church Community Services and for our on-site Blessing Box. Many households in our community face food insecurity, and your ongoing support helps ensure that neighbors in need have access to essential items. Donations can also be dropped off anytime in the collection boxes located in the church office lobby. Thank you for helping us care for our community through your generosity!

**Laurinburg Presbyterian will host SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) on March 8<sup>th</sup>.** If you’re interested in providing or helping with dinner please contact Holly Albrecht.

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

**Coming Up...**

**Monday, Feb 23-** PW Coordinating Team Meeting 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, Feb 25-** Session Meeting 5:30 pm

**Thursday, February 26-** Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm

## **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

### **What is Happening During Lent?**

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

**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.

**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](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

**Robert Joseph "Josh" Dormagen, II Scout Leadership Award**

Scouts BSA Troop 420, sponsored by the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, administers the Robert Joseph "Josh" Dormagen, II Scout Leadership Award.

Josh was an exceptional student, Scout and person. Please take a minute to read "about Josh" on the link below.

Scotland County residents who are graduating high school Seniors are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship gift is \$4000. The application deadline is April 1.

To learn more about this award, please check it out

at: <https://bsatroup420.com/JoshMain.htm>

I am available to answer any questions you may have about this award.

Yours in Scouting, David Harling

**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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Deacon Greeters/Visitors**

Feb 22-28	Rachel Nalewaja
March 1-7	Miriam Bounds
March 8-14	Katherine Campbell
March 15-21	Carol Coughenour
March 22-28	Carol Edwards
Mar 29- April 4	Tom Draper

**March Sanctuary Committee:**

*Lynn Massey	Anne Sprouse
Sue Schulz	Emily Womble

**Bus Drivers:**

Feb 22	Andy Womble
March 1	Richard Mabry
March 8	Richard Massey
March 15	David Bounds
March 22	Brian Bounds
March 29	Allen McLaurin

**March Usher Team:**

*Richard Mabry	Earl Bowling
Danny Caddell	David Carmichael
David Harling	Bill Hill
John McRae	Richard Massey
Scott Sellers	Andy Womble
Walter Williams	

## **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!

**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.

- Mary and John McLean, upon the death of her son, Thomas Smith.
- Jim Bungardner, recovering from back surgery.
- Emily Womble, recovering from knee replacement.
- Mary Sutton, dealing with health concerns.
- Pat Hix, at Scotia Village recovering from a broken arm.
- 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