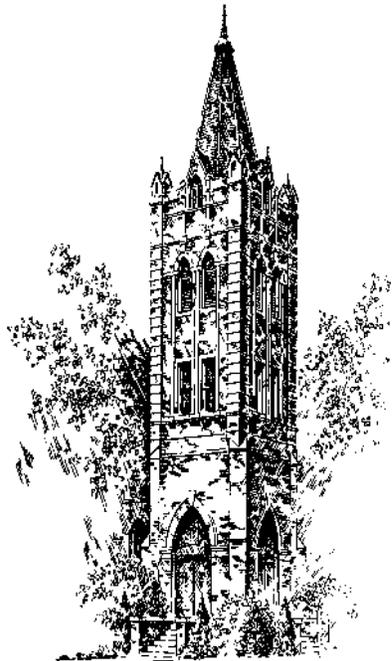


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2025

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

Prelude Antiphon on "His Mercy to Abraham and His Seed" by Marcel Dupre'

*Call to Worship

Rev. Roderic P. Frohman

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation:

All: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life:

All: We will wait for the Lord in faithfulness.

Leader: Let us seek the Lord's face in this time of worship:

All: We will honor God's presence in our prayers and our praises!

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we are creatures who seek our own comfort. We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first. Forgive our fleeting commitment and the times we have indulged our own complaints. Have mercy on us. Inspire us with the energy to do your will and serve our neighbours in the example of Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

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

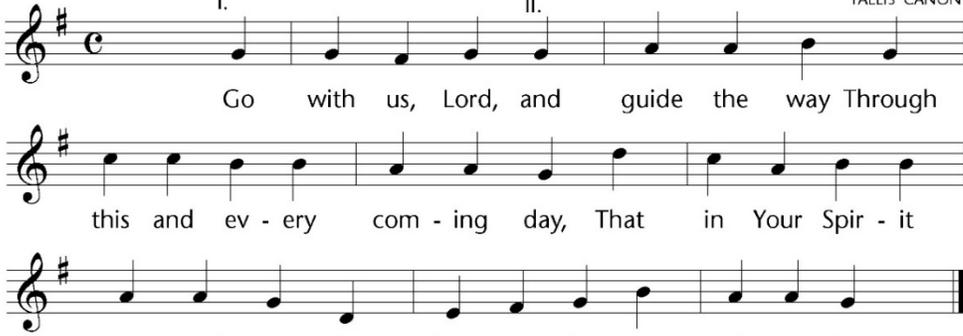
***Passing of the Peace** "May the peace of Christ be with you."
"And also with you."

Time with Children

Dr. Hillary Sessions

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

I. TALLIS' CANON 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

***Hymn of Worship #722** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Luke 13:31-35
Matthew 23:29-36

Commentary on The Word

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

arr. Joel Raney

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

Variation on "A Hymn for Lent"

by Dale Wood

*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 #300** “We Are One in the Spirit”

*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

“The God of Abraham Praise”

by Michael Burkhardt

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.

Peacemakers (for children through 5th grade) will meet this evening, March 1st 5:00-6:30 pm. Bring a friend and join us for games, music, Bible Stories, crafts, dinner, and more.

SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) will meet at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, March 8th 5:30-7:00 pm. Youth in grades 6-12, join us for games, dinner, and faith building.

Join us for the Easter Egg Hunt following worship on Sunday, March 29th. Please bring stuffed Easter eggs to be hidden.

Children will be waving palms and leading the processional on Palm Sunday, March 29th. We will gather in the chapel before worship.

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.

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. Let Lisa or Angela Purcell know that you'll attend.

Scholarship Opportunities: The following scholarships are open and the deadlines vary so please look at those carefully. The Katie Groves McNeill and Presbyterian Women application forms can be found on our LPC website. Both have due dates of March 31. If you have any questions please email Dawn Sellers at dmsellers67@gmail.com or text her at 910-277-6331.

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. 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.

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

Yours in Scouting, David Harling

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

What is Happening During Lent?

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

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!

Catered Lunch Following the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service

If you plan to attend the catered luncheon, you must purchase a ticket ahead of time. Tickets will be available before 11 am worship on Sundays through March 15 and also in the church office. Cost for adults (13+) \$20, children 6-12 are \$6 and under 5 are free. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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 Honey-Do Crew is planning their

first work-day of 2026! If you're able to lend a hand to help our church family out with little chores in their home or yard, please bring your tools for a morning of fellowship and service.

- **When:** Saturday, March 28, 8:30 am until about noon.
- **Where:** Meet at the church.

If you need something done at your home, please let Gus Purcell or Lisa Adams know. We'd love to get you on our list!

March Calendar

- 1- Caring and Sharing Day- Bring Food Donations
Toxic Charity Book Study 4-6 pm
Peacemakers 5-6:30 pm
Deacons Meeting 5:30 pm
 - 3- PW Circle 2 Meeting 3 pm- Fellowship Hall
Stewardship Committee Meeting 5 pm
 - 4- Worship Committee Meeting 5 pm
 - 8- Toxic Charity Book Study 4-6 pm
SPY Meeting at LPC 5:30-7 pm
 - 9- BEG Committee Meeting 5:45 pm
PW Circle 1 Meeting 6 pm
 - 11- CN&E Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
 - 13- PW Meet and Greet at Scotia Village 6-8 pm
PW Women's Retreat 8:15-3:30 pm
 - 18- Finance Committee Meeting 8 am
Time with Pastors @ Scotia 10:30 am
PW Circle 3 3 pm- Scotia 2nd Floor Living Room
Variety Show & Pasta Supper 6:00 pm
 - 20- Ladies Lunch 12:30 pm at Railroad Bar & Grill
 - 22- Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service & Lunch- 11 am
Bounds-Decembrino GRACE Group 3-5 pm- Hut
 - 23- PW Coordinating Team Meeting 5:30 pm
 - 25- Session Meeting 5:30 pm
 - 26- Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
 - 28- Honey Do Crew Work Day- 8:30 am
- Every Week:**
Sunday School for Adults 9:45 am, Worship 11 am
Handbell Practice is Every Monday at 6:15 pm
Choir Practice is Every Wednesday at 7:15 pm

Toxic Charity Book Study Report

Class # 1 of 5.

A team of 22 LPC members met for 2 hours this past Sunday afternoon February 22nd and discussed chapters 1 and 2 of Dr. Robert Lupton's book. "Charity" will always be needed for a crisis like a natural disaster or sudden homelessness. "TOXIC charity" is charity that perpetuates dependence in the life of the receiver which poisons their own ability to move beyond the crisis to redevelopment. Their crisis becomes a chronic condition. Lupton's book proposes alternative strategies for congregations to transform their mission from a crisis focus to development.

Prayer List

- Dwight and Susan Williams, Matt and Hillary Sessions and Monroe and Alejandra Williams and their families, upon the death of Dwight's father, Harold Williams.
- Sibyle Dulin, under Hospice care.
- Denise Herr and family, upon the death of her father, Leslie Caison Jr.
- Virginia McCormick is scheduled to have her pacemaker replaced February 25th at Reid Heart Center.
- Mary and John McLean, upon the death of her son, Thomas Smith.
- Jim Bumgardner, 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.
- Meredith Bounds, being treated with chemotherapy.
- Barbara Salzlein, continuing health concerns.
- 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

Easter Lilies

Presbyterian Women take orders for Easter Lilies each year, given in honor of or in memory of a loved one, to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Cost of the lilies is \$20.00 each.

Make checks payable to: LPC-PW and bring to the church office or drop in the offering plate. You may also email the info below to Delia Muse, PW Treasurer at: deliamuse@gmail.com

Please give the name of the person(s) you are honoring or remembering and who is donating the lilies. Also please remember to pick up your lilies after the Easter Service on April 5.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING and circle memory or honor

Your Name _____ Amount of check \$ _____

Given in MEMORY/HONOR of _____

by _____
