



March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church
Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education
Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music
Lee Harris, Organist

Welcome to worship at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. This morning we celebrate the Scouting Program that comprises a portion of our ministry to young people in the Laurinburg Community. Scouting has been a part of the ministry of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church for 75 years. Many of the leaders in our church today and also around the county learned their leadership skills in Troop #420. Today the Troop will participate in worship. This is important because the twelfth point of the Scout Law is: **A Scout is Reverent: A Scout is reverent toward God. Scouts are faithful in their religious duties and respect the beliefs of others.** If you know of a young person who would benefit from being a part of Cub Scout Pack 420 or Scouting America Troop #420, take it upon yourself to introduce them to our Scout leaders.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

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!

Minute for Mission

“Honey-Do-Crew” Work Day

Gus Purcell

Prelude

“Largo”

by G.F. Handel

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 71)

Scout Cadyn Scott

Leader: O Lord, in you we find refuge;

People: **Let us never be put to shame.**

Leader: Turn your ear to us, O God, and save us.

People: **For you are our rock and our fortress.**

Leader: God has been our hope and our trust from our earliest days.

People: **God has been with us since we were born from our mother’s womb.**

Leader: Let us sing out our praise of God’s steadfast love.

People: **We will offer God all glory and honor this day and always!**

*Invocation

Scout Cadyn Scott

*Hymn of Praise #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Invitation to Confession

Scout Colton Osteen

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God, whose name is love, we confess our faults and failings, knowing you know us through and through. You tell us that love is patient and kind, and you know when our patience and kindness falls short. You tell us love is never rude or selfish, and you see the times we insist on our own way. Forgive us for the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters. Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scout Colton Osteen

***Congregational Response #581** “Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, a-men.

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

Special Music “You Don't Have to be Loud (to Praise the Lord)” Mark Burrows
LPC Children

Time with Children Hillary Sessions

Prayer for Illumination Scout Kaleb Coleman

Anthem “Open My Eyes” K. Lee Scott

Scripture Interspersed Throughout Sermon

Commentary on The Word “Character” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter
Scout Law Presented by:
Scout Tucker Franklin
Scout Thaddeus Hayden
Scout Bradley Haynie

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

An Invitation to Giving Scout Tucker Franklin

Offertory “Immortal Love, Forever Full” by William Wallace

***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** Scout Adam Bartholomew

***Hymn of Parting #187** “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

***The Apostles’ Creed** pg. 35 (in front of hymnal) Scout Adam Bartholomew

***Charge and Benediction** Scout Adam Bartholomew

(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

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

arr. Wayne Kerr

*Those who are able are requested to stand



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Scouting History at LPC



Boy Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor, I will do my best: To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is:
Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
and Reverent.

Boy Scout Motto

Be Prepared!

Boy Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily!

***Scout Sunday was initially planned for February 1st, but canceled due to snow.
We're glad you could make it today!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers today a donation has been given in memory of Hammond Harling, former Scoutmaster of Troop 420 and Jean Harling, former Den Leader of Pack 420 by David and Ellen Harling

Variety Show and Fellowship Supper- Get ready for an exciting evening packed with great food, big laughs and AMAZING Talent **THIS WEDNESDAY** March 18th! Bring your favorite pasta dish to share- spaghetti, lasagna, mac & cheese, pasta salad, or your own creative specialty! If you have a talent to share- nothing is too small- let José or Lisa know so accommodations can be made. RSVP to Lisa for supper by **TOMORROW**.

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 next Sunday, 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! ***Today is the last day to purchase catered lunch tickets for the meal following the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service.**

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.

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 Virginia McCormick, Lynn Massey, and Bradley Williams 2026 LPC GRACE Group will meet on March 17, 2026, (yes, St. Patrick's Day!), at the home of Bradley & Sarah Williams at 307 Oban Drive starting at 6:00 pm. On this day we will honor the patron saint of Ireland who brought Christianity to their country in the fifth century. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres, wear your best **green outfit** and come celebrate this fun outing with your new LPC Grace Group! RSVP by March 10th.

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

The Ladies Who Lunch will meet Friday, March 20 at 12:30 at Railroad Bar and Grill. 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.

Prayer List

- Candace Carter-Johnson, daughter of Neal and Debbie Carter, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Carol Sellers, at home recovering from fractures in her pelvis and back, sustained in a fall.
- Anne Ramsay Melton, under Hospice care.
- Virginia McCormick is recovering from pacemaker replacement.
- 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.
- 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

Elizabeth McIntosh, Goode Mobley (Memory), Bob Gordon

Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen)

Daphne Gaw, John and Henrietta Carmichael, Jean Clansky

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!

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

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:

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 William

March Calendar

17- Massey-McCormick-Williams GRACE Group-6pm

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

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

29- Bounds-Decembrino GRACE Group 3-5 pm
 Deacon's Meeting 5:30 pm

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

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 \$ _____

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