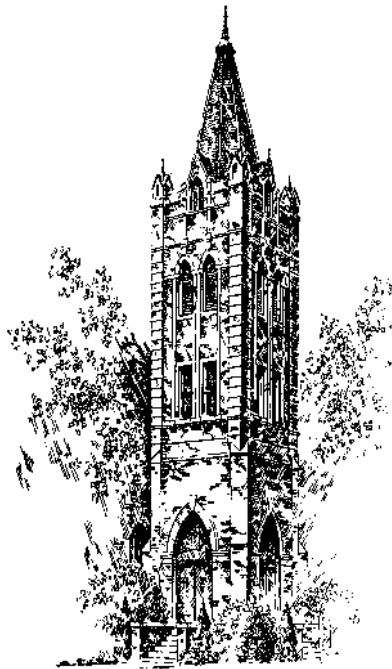


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 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

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Prelude

"Prelude on O Lamb of God"

by Mark Andersen

***Processional Hymn #196** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Congregation, Choir, Handbells, Trumpet and Organ
(congregation stand and sing the first three verses)

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Brian Bounds

*Call to Worship

Mike Edwards

LEADER: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

PEOPLE: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

LEADER: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

PEOPLE: Hosanna! Blessed is our King who comes in the name of the Lord!

LEADER: Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

PEOPLE: Blessed is Jesus, our Saviour. Glory to the Creator and the Spirit, ever three and ever one!

*Invocation

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, filled with wonder and praise, we acknowledge to you how often we fall short of your purposes for us. We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up for your mercy and understanding. We allow strident voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is high and reputations are at stake, for we pray in Jesus' holy name. 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.”

Time with Children

Dr. Hillary Sessions

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

I. II. TALLIS' CANON

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 21:1-11

Commentary on The Word

“Shine”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem

“Lift Your Voices, Wave the Palms”

by Stan Pethel

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory

Fantasy on “*Hyfrydol*”
LPC Handbell Ensemble

by Hal Hopson

***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** #826 “Lift High the Cross”

***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

“Fugue in D Minor”
Martha Fulton, Organ

J. S. Bach

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund in memory of Bill and Emma McInnis by the family.

EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

When: Today Immediately following worship service

Where: Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Who: All children ages infant through 5th grade

What: Bring your baskets/buckets or bags to gather eggs.

Note: Cupcakes and lemonade will be served following the hunt.

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://bsatroop420.com/JoshMain.htm> \

Stewardship and You – Living with Open Hands

Scripture: Philippians 2:5–8; Luke 9:23

Lent leads us toward the cross and the ultimate example of self-giving love in Christ.

Stewardship is not only something we practice for a season, but a way of life shaped by that love. As Easter approaches, may we continue to live with open hands and faithful hearts, offering all that we are and all that we have for the glory of God and the good of others.

Toxic Charity Book Study Report: Class #5

The 5th and last class was held on Sunday afternoon March 22. We discussed our response to the contents of Chapter 9, “Service with Dignity” and chapter 10, “Getting started”.

Some of the “take-home” observations were:

1. The last 2 chapters focused on the practical aspects of community engagement.
2. Questions of congregational volunteer and dollar capacity were raised.
3. Examined the importance of the “dignity of work” as a biblical virtue.
4. Job training as the best way out of poverty.
5. Assets of the local community on which dignity can be established.
6. Reach out to other churches who are currently involved in the community.
7. Walk beside the folks with whom we are working.
8. “Don’t ever think you are bringing God to anyone. God is already there.”
9. We are called to work with God the process of continuing creation.
10. Discussion of betterment versus development. LPC needs to focus on development.

Next steps:

A “Research and Recommendation Team” of 6 members (mainly from the Mission Committee) was formed. It will meet with Rev. Carpenter after Easter and establish research and program recommendations for the mission committee for the future.

Peacemakers will not meet in April. See you in May!

Nursery Attendant Position

Interested in playing with babies and toddlers in the nursery and sharing the love of God with them? We are hiring a nursery attendant (must be 18 years or older) for Sunday mornings. If you would like to know more about the position, please contact Holly Albrecht.

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.

Fun Class Schedule 2026				
3.11.26	NOTES	TITLE	THEME	SPEAKER
5-Apr	Easter:No class			
12-Apr		<i>The Second Great Awakening in NC</i>	Theology & History	Jaime Martinez
19-Apr		<i>The Second Great Awakening in NC</i>	Theology & History	Jaime Martinez
26-Apr		<i>The Second Great Awakening in NC</i>	Theology & History	Jaime Martinez
3-May		<i>Visions in Context : Jesus in Modern Art</i>	Arts and Faith	Beata Niedzialkowska
10-May	Mother's Day	<i>Great British Poets and the Christian Faith # 3</i>	Arts and Faith	Edna Ann Loftus
17-May	Last class	<i>J to C #9 Thermidor: 30 AD to 325 AD</i>	Politics and Religion	Rod Frohman

2026 Pledge Detail As Of 3/22/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$272,775	\$113,300	\$159,475	42
Monthly	\$118,620	\$24,465	\$94,155	21
Quarterly	\$18,100	\$4,525	\$13,575	25
Weekly	\$22,360	\$5,165	\$17,195	23
Total	\$431,855	\$147,455	\$284,400	35

Don't forget to order your Easter Lilies from the Presbyterian Women in honor or memory of your loved ones. Forms are available at the rear of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Forms need to be turned in by **this Wednesday** to get your announcement in the bulletin for Easter Sunday.

The Bounds-Decembrino GRACE Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 29 from 3-5 pm. Come enjoy cake and ice cream and get to know your new group. Let Miriam or Betty know if you plan to attend.

The Hughes' GRACE Group will gather Tuesday, April 21 at 6pm at the home of Dwight and Susan Williams. Grilled chicken and dessert will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or side to share.

Mark your calendar for an amazing evening Wednesday, April 15! Prepare to be wowed by the talent of LPC members and UNCP students as they perform excerpts from the musical *Godspell*. Through powerful songs, joyful performances, and meaningful storytelling, these scenes share timeless messages of love, community, and faith. Come be inspired and experience the Gospel in a fresh and uplifting way. come sing along- everyone is welcome! Paired with Taco Night, brought to you by the Fellowship Committee, it will be a night to remember. Please plan to bring sides to compliment tacos, and/or desserts. Let Lisa know you're coming by Monday, April 13.

What is Happening During Lent?

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 3	7 pm Good Friday Service at St. John United Methodist Church in Gibson
April 5	11:00 am Easter Worship Service

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church's Word in Action Mission Camp

Children 4 years old through 5th grade

July 13-17th 9:00-2:00pm

Children will lead the worship service on July 19th.

Cost \$25

Daily hands-on mission opportunities, Bible stories, music, crafts, and games as we explore the calling of Matthew 25.

"I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me....Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me" (*The Message*)

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

March 29-April 4 Tom Draper
April 5-11 Hillary Sessions
April 12- 18 Debra Sutherland
April 19- 25 Chip Wells
April 26- May 2 Philip Eshleman

Bus Drivers:

Sunday, April 5 Tom Draper
Sunday, April 12 Ed O'Neal
Sunday, April 19 Scott Sellers
Sunday, April 26 Earl Bowling

April Sanctuary Committee:

*Candy Nichols Heather Bounds
Jane McLaurin Debra Sutherland

April Calendar

- 1- Worship Committee Meeting 5 pm
- 2- Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship Service 6:30 pm
- 3- Good Friday Service at Trinity Pres. 7 pm
Good Friday Service at St. John UMC 7 pm
- 5- Easter Sunday Worship Service 11 am
- 6- Stewardship Committee Meeting 5 pm
- 7- PW Circle 2 Meeting 3 pm- Fellowship Hall
- 8- CN&E Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
- 13- BEG Committee Meeting 5:45 pm
PW Circle 1 Meeting 6 pm
- 15- Finance Committee Meeting 8 am
Time with Pastors @ Scotia 10:30 am
PW Circle 3 3 pm- Scotia 2nd Floor Living Room
Godspell and Taco Supper 6:00 pm
- 18- SPY Meeting at Trinity 4-6:30 pm
- 19- Jose's Last Day and Farewell Luncheon 11 am
- 20- Mission Committee Meeting 5:45 pm
- 21- Hughes Group 6 pm at Dwight & Susan Williams'
- 22- Investment Committee Meeting 9 am
MACs trip to Calabash
Session Meeting 5:30 pm
- 27- PW Coordinating Team 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

April Usher Team:

*Brian Bounds Charles Bounds
David Bounds Turner Bounds
Walt Bounds Eddie Carmichael
Bob Dyer Hew Fulton
Boyd McLaurin Jim Mason
Ed O'Neal Bill Purcell, II
Walter Williams

The MACs (Maturing Adult Christians) are planning a trip to Calabash Wednesday, April 22 to enjoy a seafood lunch and a little shopping. Lunch is dutch treat and the trip is free of charge. If you're interested in joining them for the day, contact Anne Sprouse.

Prayer List

- Becca Hughes, recovering from surgery.
- The Herr Family, upon the death of David's father, David G. Herr.
- 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.
- Mary Sutton, dealing with health concerns.
- Meredith Bounds, being treated with chemotherapy.
- Barbara Salzlein, continuing health concerns.
- Goode Mobley, ongoing health concerns.
- Randy Miller, dealing with health concerns.

Friends of Congregation

- Candace Carter-Johnson, daughter of Neal and Debbie Carter, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 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, Pat Hix