



Sunday, March 8, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rebekah

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Happy are those who fear the Lord,

Leader: who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

Leader: The generation of the upright will be blessed.

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

Leader: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

People: Praise the Lord!

The Sacrament of Baptism

Jackson Randolph Hughes
(Parents-Walt & Sadie Hughes,
Grandparents-Bear and Becca Hughes)

HYMN #301 "Let Us Build a House"

HYMN #177 "I Will Come to You"

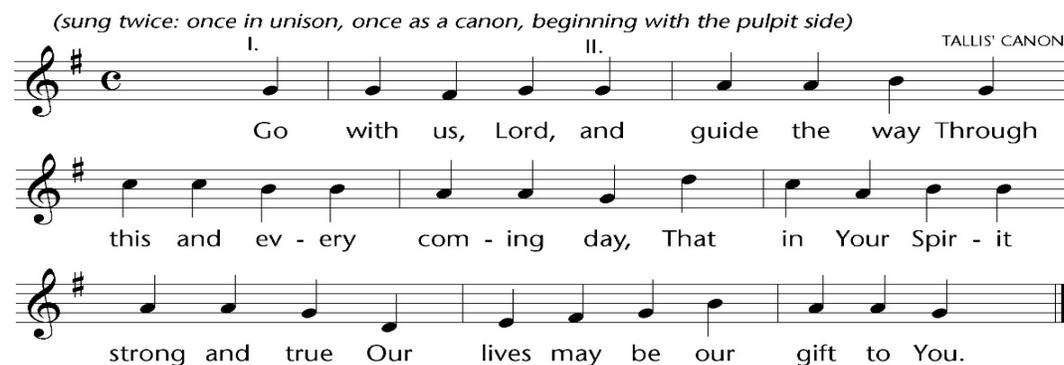
GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR-----PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please take a few minutes and greet your neighbors.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children of all ages are invited

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



1. Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through
2. this and ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it
TALLIS' CANON
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

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42

Fred Albrecht

SERMON

“All”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Beautiful Savior”
(congregation joins on verse 4)

arr. Michael Burkhardt

PRAYER CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

arr. Mark Hayes

CLOSING HYMN #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” (The Summons)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund by the family in memory of Loma McQueen and Emily McQueen Borden, both of whom had March birthdays.

SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) will meet at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church this evening, 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.

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 Presbyterian Women's retreat is almost here!!

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.

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.

Variety Show and Fellowship Supper- Get ready for an exciting evening packed with great food, big laughs and AMAZING Talent at LPC 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 March 16.

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!

What is Happening During Lent?

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

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.

Toxic Charity Book Study Report: Class #2

The 2nd class was held on Sunday afternoon March 1. We discussed our response to the contents of Chapter 3: "The Anatomy of Giving", and Chapter 4: "Needs Versus Relationships".

Several "Ah ha" observations were made:

- The process of undoing toxic charity is messy, and it will take several years.
- "Mercy" is short-term intervention to solve a crisis. "Justice" is long-term development.
- We need to use our heads as well as our hearts.

March Calendar

- 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
- 14-PW Women's Retreat 8:15 am-3:30 pm
- 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
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
- 29- Bounds-Decembrino GRACE Group 3-5 pm-Hut
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

- Our habits of toxic charity match the dependency habits of the recipients of our charity. Both of us are “stuck” in old habits.
- We asked questions about our congregation’s missional relationship with other congregations and social service agencies in Scotland County.
- We need to ask questions about the outcomes of our charity. For example, What do “Christmas Cheer” families do in January? What has happened to the families that have received gifts of beds? What else do they need?

The class continues on Sunday afternoon March 8. There are still a few copies of Toxic Charity available for anyone who would like a free copy.

Prayer List

- Carol Sellers, at home recovering from fractures in her pelvis and back, sustained in a fall.
- 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.
- Anne Ramsay Melton, under Hospice care.
- Denise Herr and family, upon the death of her father, Leslie Caison Jr.
- Virginia McCormick is recovering from pacemaker replacement.
- 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

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 _____

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	

2026 Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Clerk: Bill Purcell, II
Moderator: Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Bob Dyer	Pam Hill	Hew Fulton
Mike Edwards	Susan Hartwell	Jane McLaurin
Bill Purcell II	Kirsten Dean	Jim McQueen
Emily Womble	Bradley Williams	Leslie Sellers

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Katherine Campbell	Debra Sutherland	Chris Carmichael
Carol Edwards	Miriam Bounds	Carol Coughenour
Phil Eshleman	Fred Albrecht	Tom Draper
Chip Wells	Hillary Sessions	Rachel Nalaweja

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Angela Purcell
Vice-Moderator: Denise Herr
Secretary: Chris Carmichael
Treasurer: Delia Muse
Historian: Dawn Sellers
Moderator of Search Committee: Leslie Sellers