

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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

"Jesus Loves Me"
Colt Blackmon, saxophone
Lee Harris, piano

arr. Brent Olstad

*Call to Worship

Larry Schulz

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

People: We will give thanks to God's holy name.

LEADER: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: We will give thanks to God's holy name.

LEADER: God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

People: Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we acknowledge ways in which we fall short of your hope and purposes for us. We confess we find it difficult to forgive others and ourselves. We carry grudges about things done by others long ago, and things we have done still haunt us. Forgive us and give us the grace to forgive others; amend who we are and set us free to begin again with you and one another. 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)

TALLIS' CANON

I. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Interspersed Throughout Sermon

Commentary on The Word *Reflecting God's Light* Rev. Rebekah Carpenter
 Dr. José Rivera

Anthem "True Light" by Keith Hampton

***Hymn of Worship #**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Roderic P. Frohman

An Invitation to Give

Offertory "Give Me Jesus" arr. Mark Patterson
 Colt Blackmon, saxophone
 Leigh Montague, solo
 Chancel Choir

***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 #269** "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

***Charge and Benediction**

Benediction Response #542 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

(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

“Finale Jubilante”

by Healey Willan

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

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Help us be *“The Word In Action”*

Please stay for a Farewell Luncheon to celebrate the 15-year music ministry of our beloved Director of Music, José Rivera.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the music ministry of Jose Rivera by a grateful congregation.

Rev. Rebekah will be on medical leave to care for her father next week. She will be in and out, fulfilling prior commitments. Rev. Dr. Howard Whitehurst will serve as pastor on-call during this time. He can be reached at 910-280-3525.

Lisa will be on vacation this week. The church office will be open from 9-12 Monday-Thursday, with volunteers manning the desk. Charles and Holly will work their normal schedules.

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.

Fellowship Meal- We hope you'll join us on Wednesday, April 29 for a special End-of-the-School-Year Fellowship Meal. Our program for the evening, "**Still Us,**" will highlight a first-in-the-nation *dementia sanctuary* being developed in the Sandhills. The presentation will be led by **Jim Smith**, a board member, and Rev. **Sue Hudson**, the spiritual advisor. The Fellowship Committee will provide our favorite...Nic's fried chicken!! So bring sides to share and come to fellowship and learn with our church family.

WORD IN ACTION MISSION CAMP

July 13-17th

9:00 am-2:00 pm

REGISTER NOW!

Space is limited in our summer Mission Camp designed for children 4 years old through 5th grade. Each day we will explore Matthew 25 through hands on mission projects, Bible stories, crafts, music, and games. Children will lead the congregation in worship on Sunday, July 19th. The cost for the Mission Camp is \$25 to help cover supply costs. Children will bring their lunch each day and snacks will be provided. Due to transportation requirements and providing hands-on opportunities for each child, space is limited. Join us as we grow disciples by serving our neighbors. Registration forms are available in the church office. If you have any questions please contact Holly Albrecht.

Lid Project Update...

Step 1: Collect plastic lids ✓

Step 2: Sort lids by color ✓

The lids are sorted! Many thanks to Martha Floyd, Anne Sprouse, Craig Ellis, Pam Hill, Beverly Bowling, Virginia McCormick, Susan Williams, Dwight Williams, Sarah Williams, Judy Draper, and Tom Draper. Many thanks to everyone who donated to the lid collection. Stay tuned for step #3!

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

The McQueen GRACE Group will gather Sunday, April 26 on the patio at Scotia Village from 5-7 pm. More details to follow!

The Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting TOMORROW Friday, April 17th at 12:30 pm at Adrian's restaurant. All are welcome! Please let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know that you are coming.

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.

Peacemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, May 3 from 5-6:30 pm. Wear your bathing suit and plan to get wet!! Bring a friend for games, food, bible stories and music.

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

| 3.11.26 Fun Class Schedule 2026 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | NOTES | TITLE | THEME | SPEAKER |
| 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 |

Prayer List

- The Coughenour and Brunnet Families, upon the death of Carol's mother, Barbara Haney.
- Randy Miller, recovering from a car accident.
- Lynn Massey, having hip replacement on April 24th.
- Becca Hughes, recovering from surgery.
- 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.

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

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 Earl Bowling
Sunday, April 19 Scott Sellers
Sunday, April 26 Ed O'Neal

April Sanctuary Committee:

*Candy Nichols Heather Bounds
Jane McLaurin Debra Sutherland

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

2026 Pledge Detail As Of 4/13/26

| | Pledged | Actual | Difference | % |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----|
| Annual | \$272,775 | \$126,024 | \$146,751 | 47 |
| Monthly | \$118,620 | \$31,130 | \$87,490 | 27 |
| Quarterly | \$18,100 | \$4,525 | \$13,575 | 25 |
| Weekly | \$22,360 | \$6,310 | \$16,050 | 29 |
| Total | \$431,855 | \$167,989 | \$263,866 | 39 |

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