

# **Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

**Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action**



Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education  
Dr. Jaime Martinez, Interim 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 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!*

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

### Prelude

Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

arr. Douglas Wagner

### \*Call to Worship (based on Acts 2:1-4)

Denise Herr

LEADER: All together in one place;

**PEOPLE: they heard the rush of a violent wind;**

LEADER: it filled the entire house.

**PEOPLE: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;**

LEADER: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

### \*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

### Invitation to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kin-dom. 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

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** Acts 2:1-21

**Commentary on The Word** “Expectancy” Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

**Anthem** “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” arr. Doris Akers

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory** “We Are One in the Spirit” arr. David Paxton

**\*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 hymnal)

**\*Hymn #291** “Spirit of Gentleness”

**\*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 Heavens Declare” by Benedetto Marcello

\*Those who are able are requested to stand.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Deacon Greeters/Visitors**

Sunday, May 3 Chris Carmichael  
 Sunday, May 10 Fred Albrecht  
 Sunday, May 17 Rachel Nalewaja  
 Sunday, May 24 Miriam Bounds  
 Sunday, May 31 Katherine Campbell

### **Bus Drivers:**

Sunday, May 3 David Carmichael  
 Sunday, May 10 Jamie Sutherland  
 Sunday, May 17 Allen McLaurin  
 Sunday, May 24 David Herr  
 Sunday, May 31 Will Clark

### **Sanctuary Committee:**

\*Jacque O'Neal Carolina Caddell  
 Lynn Mason Kathy Williamson

### **Usher Team:**

\*Allen McLaurin Fred Albrecht  
 Clifton Buie Jim Coughenour  
 Philip Eshleman Hal Jernigan  
 Charles Liles Allen McLaurin  
 Gus Purcell, II Gus Purcell Anne  
 Sprouse Gray Sellers  
 Jimmy Stubbs

### 2026 Pledge Detail As Of 5/17/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$272,775	\$153,224	\$119,551	57
Monthly	\$118,620	\$40,815	\$77,805	35
Quarterly	\$18,100	\$7,475	\$10,625	42
Weekly	\$22,360	\$8,810	\$13,350	40
Total	\$431,855	\$210,324	\$221,331	49

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## May Calendar

- 17- SPY Meeting at Church in the Pines 5:30-7 pm
- 18- Mission Committee Meeting 5:45 pm
- 20- Finance Committee Meeting 8 am  
 Time with Pastors @ Scotia 10:30 am  
 PW Circle 3 3 pm- Scotia 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Living Room  
 Fellowship Supper 6:00 pm
- 27- Session Meeting 5:30 pm
- 28- Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
- 31- 9:30 am- Graduating Seniors Breakfast

**Every Week:**  
 Sunday School for Adults 9:45 am, Worship 11 am  
 Choir Practice is Every Wednesday at 7:15 pm

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In lieu of flowers this Sunday**, a contribution has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to the glory of God and in loving memory of Colleen Carmichael by Stuart Carmichael.

**Word in Action Mission Camp** July 13-17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-2:00 pm. **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER** for our summer mission camp. Mission Camp is for children four years old through those who have completed fifth grade. This hands-on camp provides children with daily Bible stories, music, crafts, and service projects. Children bring their lunch each day and snacks are provided. We will work hard, play hard, and make a difference in our church and community. Due to transportation requirements for children and providing each child with hands-on experiences our **space is limited**. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover supply costs. Scholarships are available.

**On Communion Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, children five years old and older will stay in worship in order to share in communion with their families. **Worship bags** will be available to enhance their worship experience. Please return the bags and their contents when leaving worship. (Childcare for children four years old and younger will be provided after the Children's Moment.)

**Senior Sunday is May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Help us celebrate our seniors as they prepare for graduation and next steps on the journey.

**The McQueen Grace Group will be meeting** for dinner and fellowship at the home of Larry and Sue Schulz at 705 Highland Drive in Laurinburg on Sunday, May 31, at 5:00 pm. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or desert.

**The Christian Ed Committee is collecting flower vases** of all kinds to use for a fun project during Mission Camp in July. Please bring your vases to donate to the church office and look forward to seeing pictures this summer!

**Flowers for the Sanctuary**- There are Sundays available on the flower calendar for the rest of this year. Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a meaningful way to honor or remember someone. Fresh arrangements can be ordered or a donation to the pastor's discretionary fund can also be made for one of our beautiful silk arrangements to be placed. Please contact Martha Fulton to schedule your Sunday.

**The Boy Scouts are holding a special "Pollen Sale" for Tidal Wave car wash tickets!** For just \$10, get a \$30 car wash at any Tidal Wave location. Great to get your vehicle summer ready or to give as a gift. See Lisa in the church office to purchase tickets or contact David Harling.

## **NEW SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes our summer worship schedule. From June through August, worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Why the change? On Sunday mornings, many of us arrive just in time for worship and leave quickly afterward, often missing the chance to connect with one another. This adjusted schedule gives us a little extra space to slow down, visit, and build stronger relationships, whether that means catching up with friends, getting to know someone new, or welcoming visitors more fully.

Most Sundays after worship, we'll gather for "Lemonade on the Lawn" at the elevator entrance. If you're interested in hosting, please contact Holly Albrecht.

We hope you'll plan to stay a few extra minutes and enjoy this time of fellowship with your church family.

## **Prayer List**

- Doug Harris, recovering from a broken hip.
- Randy Miller, recovering from a car accident.
- Lynn Massey had hip replacement on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Carol Sellers, at home recovering from fractures in her pelvis and back, sustained in a fall.
- Anne Ramsay Melton, under Hospice care.
- 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