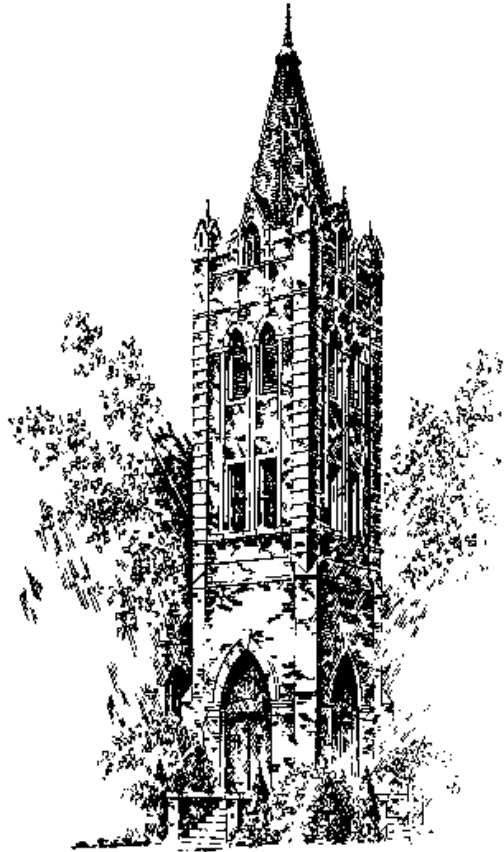


Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action



Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education
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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

arr. Diane Bish

*Call to Worship

Angela Purcell

LEADER: Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise God in the heights!

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

PEOPLE: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!

LEADER: Praise the Lord! All people together!

PEOPLE: With one voice, let us praise the Lord!

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #246 “Christ is Alive”

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Prayers of Loving God, Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow Him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, as Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness Your love in our words and actions. 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

Special Music

“Wren's Song”

Anna Laura Page

Joyful Singers

Monica Hall, flute

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 7:54-8:1

Commentary on The Word

“Advocacy and Accountability”

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

***Anthem**

“Gathered in God’s Name”

Michael Burkhardt

Monica Hall, flute

(Chancel Choir will sing verses, with Congregation joining on refrain)

Refrain:

*Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place,
Gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace.
Gathered in God's name, round the Living Word.
Gathered as one family in the name of love.*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**An Invitation to Give****Offertory**

“We Know That Christ is Raised”

arr William Bates

***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** #250 “In the Bulb There is a Flower” (Hymn of Promise)***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

“Fanfare”

by Healey Willan

*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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julian and Clara Butler, Julian and Estelle Butler, Irwin and Margaret Montgomery, Mildred and Sam Snowdon, Tinsley Snowdon and Spencer Allen Miller by Mary Margaret Miller's family.

Today is Caring and Sharing Sunday- Please place your non-perishable food items and personal care items in the receptacles at the front of the sanctuary. We collect these items on the first Sunday of every month to stock our on-site mission box and to share with our community through Church Community Services.

Galatians 6:2 *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Supper will be held May 11 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend and bring a salad to share.

The Presbyterian Women will conclude this year's Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, in May. Hope to see you at one of the following circles:

- Circle 2 – Anne Sprouse: May 5, 1:30 pm- Captain Larry's
- Circle 3 – Carolina Caddell: May 20, 3:00 at Scotia - 2nd floor

The "Ladies Who Lunch" will meet at Miyako Japanese Cuisine at 12 pm on Tuesday, May 12. All are welcome! Please let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know you're coming.

May Fellowship Supper-We have one more chance before summer break to gather for our Wednesday night Fellowship Supper. The Fellowship Committee will serve their savory chicken bog, so bring sides and desserts to share. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm on May 20 to start your summer off right! The planned program is a Mission Committee update on the Toxic Charity book study. Please RSVP to Lisa by May 18 to help the Fellowship Committee plan.

Flowers for the Sanctuary- There are Sunday's 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.

May Calendar

- 3- Caring and Sharing Sunday 11 am
Peacemakers 5 pm
Deacon's Meeting 5:30 pm
- 5- PW Circle 2 Meeting 1:30 pm- Captain Larry's
Stewardship Committee Meeting 5 pm
- 6- Worship Committee Meeting 5 pm
- 8- MACs trip to Swan Iris Gardens 9:30 am
- 11- BEG Committee Meeting 5:45 pm
PW Birthday Dinner 6 pm
- 13- CN&E Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
- 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 2nd 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
Handbell Practice is Every Monday at 6:15 pm
Choir Practice is Every Wednesday at 7:15 pm

What's Happening in Children's and Youth Ministry?

Peacemakers last gathering before the summer will be Sunday, May 3rd 5:00-6:30 pm. Bring a friend and join us as we celebrate being Children of God (I John 3:1a). We will have dinner, share a Bible story, sing, and play lots of water games. Wear your bathing suit...you're going to get wet! A special thank you to our Peacemaker leaders Hew & Martha Fulton, Dwight & Susan Williams, Rachel Nalewaja, and Jaime Martinez. Peacemakers is a monthly program for children through 5th grade. If you're interested in being a part of the leadership team for 2026-27 or in providing a dinner please contact Holly Albrecht. It is a lot of fun!

SPY & Friends will gather at Church in the Pines in Laurel Hill Sunday, May 17th 5:30-7:00 pm. Save the date, more details coming soon! Scotland Presbyterian Youth & Friends is a monthly youth group for 6th-12th grades. Five churches rotate hosting and leading the monthly program. It is a great time of bringing young people together for fun, laughter, and growing our faith.

Word in Action Mission Camp July 13-17th 9:00-2:00 pm. **IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!** Our summer 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**. Please register your child/children by May 15th. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover supply costs. Scholarships are available.

On Communion Sundays (May 3rd, 31st), 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 31st. Help us celebrate our seniors as they prepare for graduation and next steps on the journey.

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. Or if you feel so led, volunteers for this position are always welcome. What a fun way to share your talents!

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
	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

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 Volunteer Needed!
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 Alex Medlin
Jackson Medlin Allen McLaurin
John McLaurin Gus Purcell, II
Gus Purcell Anne Sprouse
Gray Sellers Jimmy Stubbs

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 had 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.
- 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

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!

2026 Pledge Detail As Of 4/26/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	\$272,775	\$136,124	\$136,651	50
Monthly	\$118,620	\$37,535	\$81,085	32
Quarterly	\$18,100	\$4,525	\$13,575	25
Weekly	\$22,360	\$7,635	\$14,725	35
Total	\$431,855	\$185,819	\$246,036	43

Let's Talk About It!

Lunch & Learn at 12 noon on Wednesdays

Montpelier Presbyterian Church Library
24680 Main Street Wagram



May 6 Getting Old Isn't For Sissies

How we feel about how we age
Leader: Paige Bailey

May 13 Finding Peace In An Age Of Anxiety

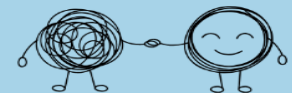
Stress and our mental health
Leader: Noran Sanford

May 20 Loving & Helping Children With ADHD

Parenting a child with ADHD and
how ADHD affects children
Leader: Zachery Bullard



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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

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