LAURINBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CASUAL SERVICE

Sunday, September 13, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC "It is Well With My Soul" arr. Jerry Ray
Jaime Martinez, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

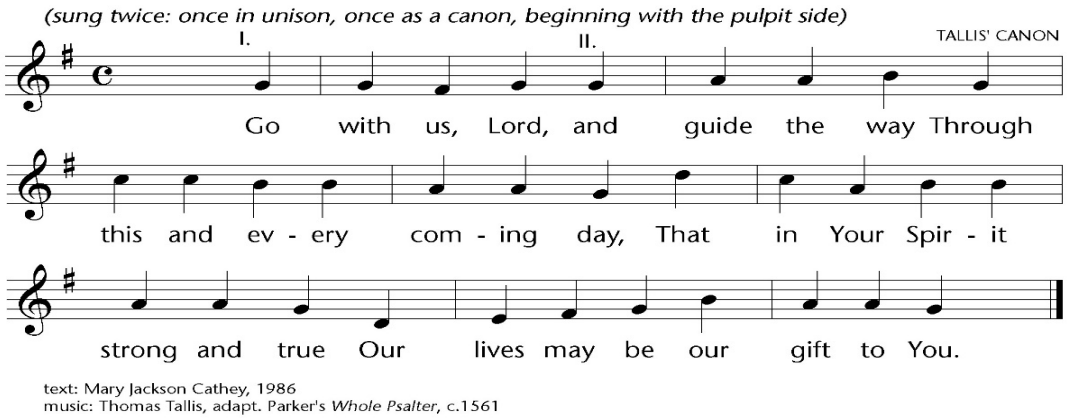
BIBLES PRESENTED TO 3rd GRADERS Sierra Bartholomew

CALL TO WORSHIP
LEADER: Joy comes to those who follow God's ways.
PEOPLE: We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!
LEADER: Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.
PEOPLE: May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!
LEADER: Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.
PEOPLE: Let us worship God now and throughout all our days.

OPENING HYMNS #413 "Come Into God's Presence"
#743 "O God, You Are My God" (2 times)

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



SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8

SERMON "Biblical Movement" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

SPECIAL MUSIC "Crowded Table" The Highwaywomen
Monica Hall, solo

PRAYER CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Jerry Ray

CLOSING HYMN #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of all Presbyterian Women who have joined the church triumphant since All Saint's Day.

Elizabeth Gibson McIntosh
July 23, 1932 ~ July 16, 2026

Peggy Moody Medlin
May 7, 1937 ~ October 25, 2025

Anne Ramsay Melton
May 23, 1932 ~ May 27, 2026

Georgia Ingram Miller
November 28, 1935 ~ February 9, 2026

Elizabeth Diane Schweinesberg Newbold
August 24, 1944 ~ September 9, 2026

Barbara Maude Salzlein

October 23, 1941 ~ August 14, 2026

Jane Breazeale Somerville
September 16, 1943 ~ August 27, 2025

The Bounds-Decembrino GRACE Group will meet at the home of Gus and Angela Purcell this afternoon Sunday, September 13th at 4 pm.

The McQueen GRACE Group will meet this evening, Sunday, Sept. 13th at 5:30 pm at the home of Andy and Emily Womble.

One person's trash is another person's treasure! **We're collecting toilet paper cores!** Please bring your toilet paper and paper towel cores to the church office. The cores will be used for our Advent Workshop.

Things look different in the Children's Sunday School wing. Children will be exploring Bible stories through play during Children's Church. Take a walk through our Biblical town and see how children will be experiencing the stories of our faith.

The kick-off for Presbyterian Women is right around the corner. We will come together for our dinner meeting on Monday, September 14th, at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite salad of ANY kind. We will enjoy fellowship, install officers, and begin our bible study with lesson 1. A bus will be provided for our Scotia residents...pick-up is 5:40 pm.

The Ladies Who Lunch are meeting Wednesday, September 16 at 12:30 pm at *The Bistro at Laurinburg*. Please let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know if you will come.

New Adult Sunday School Class! *Encounters with Jesus*, a study of the Book of John 9:45 Sunday mornings beginning September 20th. Experience Jesus up close and personal as we explore thirteen encounters with Jesus as shared in the Gospel of John. Through lecture and discussion, we will experience why John is the gospel most beloved by the church. If you have questions about this class please contact Holly Albrecht.

Bells for Beginners: Mondays in September! Have you ever watched the handbell ringers and thought, that looks like fun? Well, it is! And we would love for you to join the fun, so we will host "Bells for Beginners" for three Mondays in September. Join us on **September 14 at 7 pm,** then on September 21, and 28 at 6:15 pm in the choir room to learn some basic bell techniques and give ringing a try. You do not need to read music or have any bell playing or other musical ensemble experience. Adults, youth, and kids (ages 8 and up) are all welcome to join us!

SPY & Friends meets September 20th at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Youth and parents expect and email with details.

Care and Share! School is back in session! While that means full backpacks, busy schedules, and new beginnings, it also means that families who rely on school meals may face food shortages when children are home on weekends, holidays, and school breaks. The Mission Committee is asking the church to continue actively supporting our **Blessing Box ministry** by bringing in **canned meats and vegetables** this fall. We still have plenty of snack foods left from when we helped stock the county's emergency shelter during the ice storms, but our food closet is running very low on canned meats and vegetables. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and for helping ensure that our neighbors have access to nourishing food when they need it most!

Don't forget that the "Taste of the Town" fundraiser for Family Promise is this Thursday, September 17th. Please come to enjoy food from more than 20 vendors and help support a great cause. Tickets can be purchased at the church office, the Chamber of Commerce and by clicking the link or scanning the QR Code in your Thursday E-news.

Habitat for Humanity Workday
The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity workday on August 26. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. Please bring yard tools, such as gloves, pruners, wheelbarrows, shovels, and other helpful yard-work equipment, and come prepared to spend the morning doing yard work. We look forward to serving together and making a difference in our community!

Hal Jernigan and family would like to thank the LPC church family for their many thoughts, prayers and support during his daughter Susan's health issues. She is doing much better.

Prayer Request: A community member called to ask for prayer for her 2-year old daughter, Blakelynn Barton, who experienced a near drowning in a pool and is recovering.

Death Notice- The friends and congregation of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church extend its sympathy to Richard Newbold and Family upon the death of Beth Newbold, September 9, 2026. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

September Calendar

13- Rally Day Breakfast 9:45 am
Bounds-Decembrino GRACE Group at Angela and Gus Purcell's home 4 pm
McQueen GRACE Group at the Womble's 5:30 pm

14- BEG Committee Meeting at 5:45 pm
PW Salad Supper 6 pm
Handbells for Beginners 7 pm

16- Finance Committee Meeting 8 am
Time with Pastors at Scotia Village 10:30 am
Ladies Lunch at *The Bistro* 12:30 pm
Fellowship Meal Chili Cook-off 6 pm
Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

20- SPY Meeting at Trinity at 4:30 pm

21 Mission Committee Meeting 5:45 pm
Handbells for Beginners 6:15 pm

22- Cub Scout pack meeting at The Hut 6 pm

23 Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

24 Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm

27- Kids Communion Ed Class 5-6:30 pm

28 PW Coordinating Team Meeting 5:30 pm
Handbells for Beginners 6:15 pm

30 Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

Prayer List

- Mike Edwards- recovering from surgery.
- Randy Miller, dealing with late stage liver disease.
- Bear Hughes, recovering from knee surgery.
- Carol Sellers, at home recovering from fractures in her pelvis and back.
- Mary Sutton, dealing with health concerns.
- Meredith Bounds, being treated with chemotherapy.
- Goode Mobley, ongoing health concerns.

Friends of Congregation

- David Hasselmeyer, son-in-law of Dan and Anne Sprouse, husband of Amanda, hospitalized with acute health concerns.
- Elizabeth Forester, recovering from a partial hip replacement.
- Candace Carter-Johnson, daughter of Neal and Debbie Carter, recovering from cancer surgery.
- Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter, cancer treatment
- Janet McQueen, Mother of Alex Bryant, cancer treatment
- Sara Tezzi, granddaughter of Sammy and Linda Simmons
- Sammy Townsend, Liberty Commons Nursing, Sanford.

Scotia Village Skilled Nursing
Goode Mobley (Memory), Bob Gordon
Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen) Daphne Gaw, John and Henrietta Carmichael, Jean Clansky, Pat Hix

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Help us be *"**The Word In Action**"*

Creatively Engaging our Mission "To Be the Word in Action"

To Be the Word in Action at LPC means that Christ and Christ's Spirit are ongoingly "in action" within (internally), as we are touched, moved and inspired by the Spirit, and without (externally), as Christ and Christ's Spirit move through us in service to the community.

For the first three Sundays this month, our worship services will be creative expressions of our church mission. Using colors, movement and drama, we will engage the Bible story both in Luke and John that depicts the humility of a woman who washes Jesus' feet with her hair. Through this experience may Christ and Christ's Spirit be "in action" within you, inspiring you to take Christ and Christ's Spirit "in action" into our community.