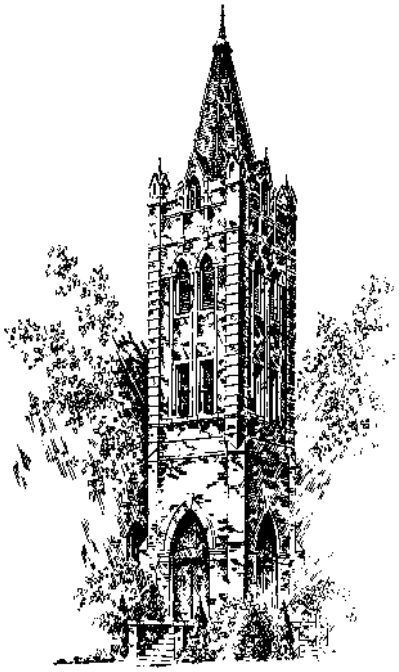
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action



Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Ten 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

Minute for Mission Habitat Work Day Mission Committee

Prelude "Let All Things Now Living" setting by Lloyd Larson

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 145:1-8) Leslie Sellers
LEADER: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
All: God's greatness is unsearchable.
LEADER: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.
All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Invitation to Confession

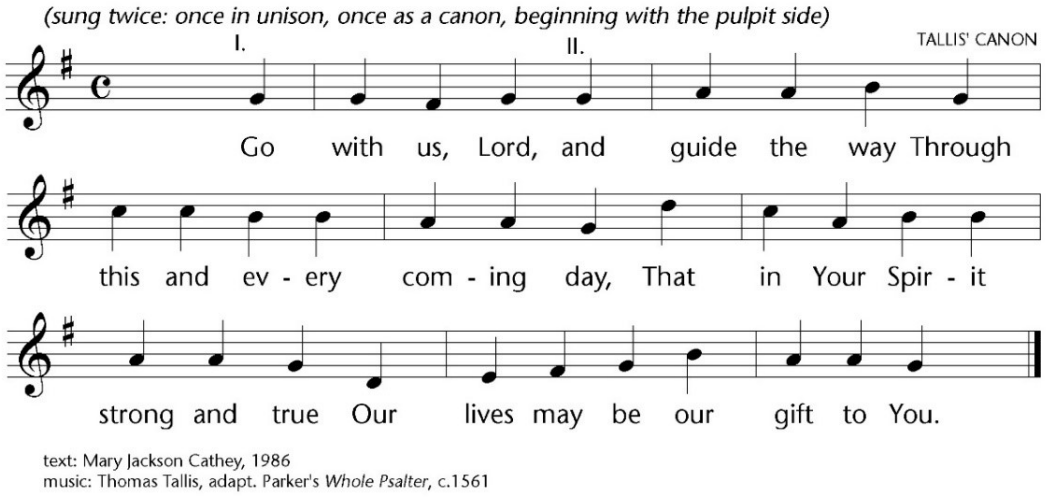
Corporate Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. 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



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Interspersed in Sermon Luke 7:36-50

Commentary on The Word "The Oil of Forgiveness" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter
Jevon Ward
Dmarcus Simmons
Brianna Simmons

Anthem "Arms Opened Wide" by Howard Helvey

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory "Adagio Cantabile" J.S. Bach

***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** #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

***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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Don Phillips

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

2026 Pledge Detail As Of 9/13/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	$272,775	$ 235,335	$37,440	87
Monthly	$118,620	$72,380	$46,240	61
Quarterly	$18,100	$12,200	$5,900	68
Weekly	$22,360	$15,820	$6,540	71
Total	$431,855	$335,735	$96,120	78

TO MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT THE WORK AND MISSION OF **LAURINBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, SCAN THE CODE BELOW WITH YOUR CAMERA APP.

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

Join the Adventure
Join the Fun
Be a Scout! (Grade 6-10)

The Laurinburg Presbyterian Church is the proud sponsor of Scouting America Troop 420 and Cub Scout Pack 420. Enrollment for Our fall program is underway. For more information, contact David Harling at 910 280 0389.

Join the Adventure
Join the Fun
Be a Scout! (Grade K-5)
Boys and Girls

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am.
We have a seat for you in one of the following classes:

Men's Bible Class as they study *The Present Word.* Sessions are led by different members of the class. Meets weekly throughout the year.

FUN Adults Class as they dive into the new year with their study "The Church in the Middle Ages".

Encounters with Jesus: A Study of the Gospel of John is a new class offering. We will dive into the book of John as we examine thirteen encounters with Jesus. New to Bible study or ready to get back in the habit of engaging with scripture? Join us!

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 (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) and Friends for 6th-12th grade youth typically meets the second Sunday of the month. For September, we will be gathering on the third Sunday, September 20th at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 4:30 pm for a special program with our international teachers.

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!

A Communion Education Class for parents and children will be held Sunday, September 27th 5:00-6:30 pm. This is an opportunity for parents and children to explore what it means to participate in the Lord's Supper. This is a hands-on program to explore and answer questions about communion. Families who have participated before but would like a refresher course are welcome to attend. Please let us know you are coming as dinner will be served. Children will be received at the table on World Communion Sunday, October 4th.

On October 4th, World Communion Sunday, children will process with the bread and wine into the sanctuary. Children should meet in the chapel at 10:40 am to practice.

Peacemakers for children through fifth grade begins Sunday, October 4th 5:00-6:30 pm. Enjoy a time of games, Bible stories, music, dinner and more. Peacemakers meets on the first Sunday of the month.

Exploring Faith Confirmation Retreat for middle and high school youth at Highland Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. Saturday, October 17th 9:00 am-7:30 pm. If your young person is interested in attending, please let Holly Albrecht know for registration information. Registrations are due by October 7th.

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.

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. 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!

September Calendar

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

- Lynn Massey-recovering after hip replacement surgery.
- 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.
- 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

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitor

Sep 20- 26	Hillary Sessions
Sep 27- Oct 3	Debra Sutherland

September Sanctuary Committee:

*Celeste McRae	Pat Ellis
Charlotte McLean	John McRae

Bus Drivers:
September 20 David Carmichael
September 27 Jamie Sutherland

September Usher Team:

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