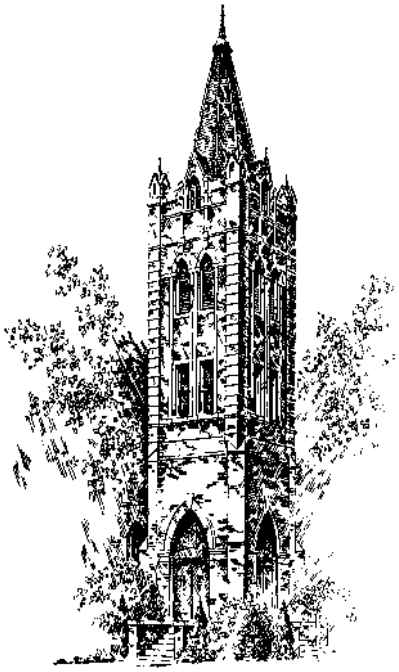
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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, Director of Music
Lee Harris, Organist

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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 Pastorale on "The King of Love" by Eric Thiman

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 96) Alex Bryant
LEADER: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!
All: Let us shout out in praise!
LEADER: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.
All: Great is the Lord!
LEADER: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Invitation to Confession

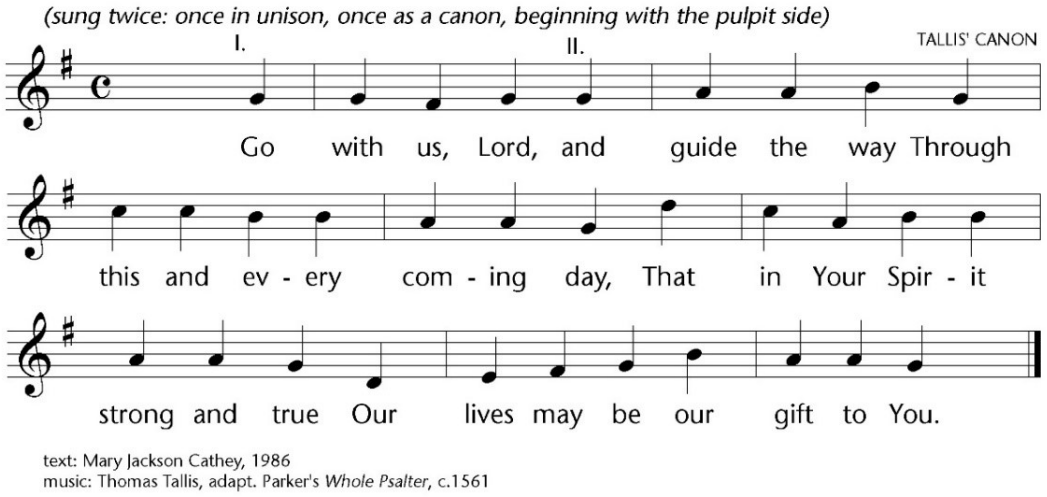
Corporate Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kingdom of God. Give us courage to be kingdom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 Exodus 3:13-17

Commentary on the Word "Leaving a Legacy" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter
Danny Caddell

Anthem "What Shall I Offer My God?" Lloyd Larson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" by Paul Manz

***The Doxology** #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***The Apostle's Creed (pg 35 in front of the hymnal)**

***Hymn of Parting** #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***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 "Lift High the Cross" arr. Larry Shackley

*Those who are able are requested to stand.

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**"*

2026 Pledge Detail As Of 10/11/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	$272,775	$ 237,735	$35,040	88
Monthly	$118,620	$81,281	$37,339	69
Quarterly	$18,100	$12,775	$5,325	71
Weekly	$22,360	$17,040	$5,320	77
Total	$431,855	$348,831	$83,024	81

October is Stewardship Month

October 4th - Money and Tithing – Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 12:1-7, Mark 12:41-44

Reverend Rebekah Carpenter

October 11th - Service – Galatians 5:1-15

Reverend Rebekah Carpenter, Hillary Sessions

October 18th - Investing in the Church for Generations - Exodus 3:13-17

Reverend Rebekah Carpenter, Danny Caddell

October 25th – Pledge Sunday – Reformation Sunday - Honoring Past Sacrifices of Church Heroes

Psalm 46, Jeremiah 31:31–34, Romans 3:19–25, and John 8:31–36

Themes: God as a refuge, the new covenant, justification by faith, and freedom through truth

Reverend Rebekah Carpenter

A legacy/end of life gift can make a huge difference for generations in the life of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church.

Estate Planning Categories

1) **Bequest**
   A gift named in a donor's will of a specific amount of money or a specific percentage of their estate to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2) **IRA Remainder**
   A donor may choose to name Laurinburg Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of the remaining balance of their Individual Retirement Account

3) **Life Insurance – Annuity**
   A donor may choose to name Laurinburg Presbyterian Church as beneficiary of their life insurance policy

Other Giving Options

1) **Individual Retirement Account Distribution**
   A donor aged 70 1/2 or older may choose to direct the annual minimum required distribution from their IRA to Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

2) **Gift of stock or property**
   Donor may choose to donate a gift of stock or real property (land) – Whether or not to accept property gifts is determined on a case by case basis

There may be tax benefits to an estate gift. Please consult your attorney or tax adviser regarding your own situation.

God, Stewardship and YOU

Stewardship Season – Supporting "The Word in Action"

October is Stewardship Month at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church!

October Stewardship Scriptures

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by Connie and Doug Harris in honor of the visitation ministry of Reverend Rebekah and her lovely daughters, Izabella, Auriana and Olivia.

All Saints Day- November 1st- All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. Please send Lisa the names of those who have departed this life within the past year by Tuesday, October 27, so they can be included in the bulletin for our Sunday worship service.

Rev. Rebekah will be out of the office next week for continuing education. Edna Ann Loftus will be the pastor on call. 910-280-3057

A celebration of life service will be held for Anne Ramsay Melton at 11 am on Saturday, October 24 at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

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Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles are made up of small groups of women who meet monthly for Bible study, mission outreach and the chance to build friendships within our church. All women are welcome! Choose a circle meeting date from thr monthly calendar to attend. Reach out to Denise Herr for more information. Presbyterian Women Bible study guides are available in the church office for $15.

Adult Faith Formation continues Sunday mornings with the FUN Adult Class, Encounters with Jesus, and the Men's Bible Class. Join us at 9:45 am for study and fellowship.

Save your toilet paper cores and bring them to the church office. We are collecting them for the Advent Workshop.

Joyful Singers & Ringers Meets Sundays at 10 am!
Kids from preschool through middle school are invited to meet on Sundays from 10-10:25 am in the choir room throughout October and November. We will play chimes, sing songs, and prepare to lead worship through music. Parents and other grownups are welcome to stay and participate if your child wishes. Email Jaime with any questions (jam6ah@gmail.com).

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. You can bring your donations to the 11 am worship service or drop them off in the boxes in the church office lobby vestibule anytime during the month. 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!

The Ladies Who Lunch are meeting Friday, October 23 at 12:30 pm at *Mi Casita*. Please let Barbara Bateman or Virginia McCormick know if you will come.

We have car wash tickets for sale in the church office. The Scouts are holding their annual fundraiser. For only $10, you can purchase a ticket for a $30 car wash at any Tidal Wave Auto Spa. These are good to have on hand, perfect for gifts and are good for a year. They sold out last year, so get yours soon!

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

October 11- 17 Carol Edwards
October 18- 24 Chris Carmichael
October 25- 31 Fred Albrecht

Bus Drivers:

October 11 David Herr
October 18 Will Clark
October 25 Michael Sellers

October Sanctuary Committee:

*Kim Liles Delia Muse
Katie Clark Katherine Campbell

October Usher Team:

*Bradley Williams Fred Albrecht
Barbara Bateman John Campbell
Mike Coughenour Will Clark
Tom Draper Sam Fulton
David Herr Wayne Hobbs
Paul Rush Jamie Sutherland
Michael Sellers Drew Williamson



Prayer List

- Linda McQueen, recovering from a full hip replacement.
- Doug Harris, being treated for pneumonia.
- Lynn Massey-recovering after hip replacement 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

- Gene Carpenter, father of Rev. Rebekah, dealing with on-going health concerns.
- Elizabeth Forester, recovering from pneumonia.
- 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) John and Henrietta Carmichael, Jean Clansky, Pat Hix

October Calendar

4- World Communion Sunday- 11 am Worship
Caring and Sharing Sunday- Bring Your Donations
Deacons Meeting 5:30 pm
Peacemakers 5-6:30 pm

6- PW Circle 2- 3 pm
Massey-McCormick-Williams GRACE Group 5:30 pm at Scotia Village Patio

7- Worship Committee Meeting 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

11- SPY Meeting at Faith Presbyterian at 5:30-7 pm

12- BEG Committee Meeting at 5:45 pm
PW Circle 1- 6 pm

14- CN&E Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

19- Handbell Practice 6:15 pm

21- Finance Committee Meeting 8 am
Time with Pastors at Scotia Village 10:30 am
PW Circle 3 at Scotia 2nd Floor Living Room 3 pm
Fellowship Meal & Trunk-or-Treat 6 pm
Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

23-Ladies Lunch at Mi Casita 12:30 pm

25-Stewardship/Pledge Sunday 11 am
Bounds Grace Group- 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall

26-PW Coordinating Team Meeting 5:30 pm
Handbell Practice 6:15 pm

28- Session Meeting 5:30 pm
Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

29-Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm