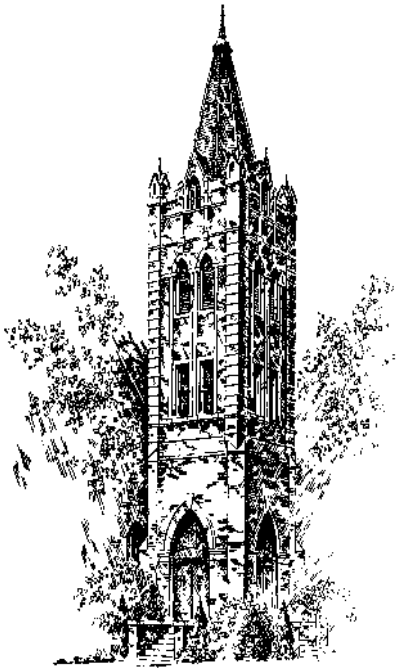
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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 "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Gordon Young

***Call to Worship** Earl Bowling

LEADER: We gather here to worship God.
All: We are here, with heart, soul and mind
LEADER: We gather here as Christ's body.
All: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.
LEADER: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.
All: We are here to worship and to be transformed.
LEADER: Let us worship the Triune God!

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all.

You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness.
You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases.
You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length.

You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back.

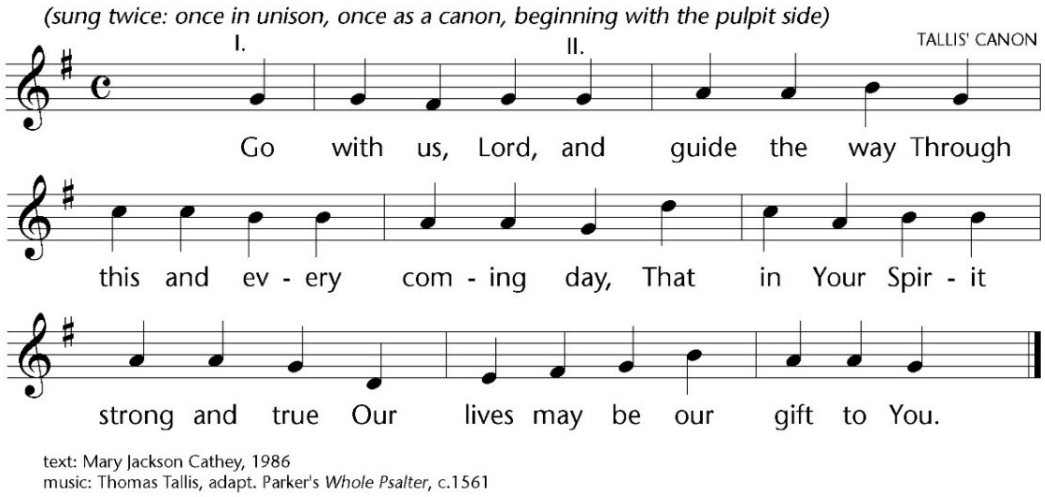
Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 through monologues)

Commentary on the Word "Heroes of the Faith" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem "God is Our Strength and Our Song" Becki Slagle Mayo

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give
Today is Dedication Sunday. We shall bring our pledges for 2027 and place them in the pledge box on the communion table. Our offerings for this morning can be placed in the offering plates on the table.

Offertory "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" Dale Wood

***Hymn of Dedication** #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

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

***Hymn of Parting** #275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

***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 "Toccata in D Minor" J.S. Bach

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 10/18/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	$272,775	$ 240,710	$32,065	89
Monthly	$118,620	$83,560	$35,060	71
Quarterly	$18,100	$12,775	$5,325	71
Weekly	$22,360	$17,940	$4,420	81
Total	$431,855	$354,985	$76,870	83

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

October 4- 10 Philip Eshleman
October 11- 17 Carol Edwards
October 18- 24 Chris Carmichael
October 25- 31 Fred Albrecht

Bus Drivers:

Sept. 27 Jamie Sutherland
October 4 Philip Eshleman
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all those who give so that God's church may survive and thrive.

Presbyterian Women Bible study guides are available in the church office for $15.

Have you been wondering what happened to all the lids you donated? Join us Wednesday, October 28th at 9:30am to start gluing! We are ready for the next phase of the project. See you in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30! Questions contact Susan Williams or Holly Albrecht

Mark your calendar for the **Advent Workshop on Saturday, November 21st** 10:00-12:00. The crafts are planned but we need volunteers to help children make them. Contact Lynn Massey or Holly Albrecht if you want to help with this fun event!

Save the date for **December 6th** as we usher in the advent season with our Christmas Pageant! Interested in being a part of the retelling of the Christmas story, contact Holly Albrecht.

Peacemakers will gather on Sunday, November 1st 5:00-6:30pm. Peacemakers is for children through 5th grade. Bring a friend and join us for games, Bible stories, music, dinner, and more.

SPY & Friends meets Sunday, November 8th 5:30-7:00 at Church in the Pines. SPY & Friends is for middle and high school youth. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

We still need a few more **toilet paper cores** for the Advent Workshop. Don't forget to bring your cores to the church office.

Join us **Sunday mornings for Adult Faith Formation** at 9:45am. FUN Adult Class, Encounters with Jesus, and Men's Bible Study. Childcare is provided.

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!

Prayer List

- Elizabeth Forester, recovering from 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.
- 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 @nd 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

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