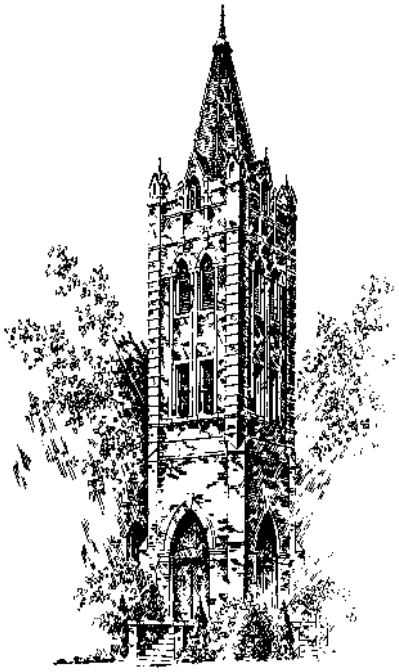
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" by Gordon Young
Martha Fulton, organist

***Call to Worship** (from Luke 13:29) Jane McLaurin
LEADER: People will come from east and west,
All: from north and south,
LEADER: and will eat in the kingdom of God.
All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** #503 "Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation"

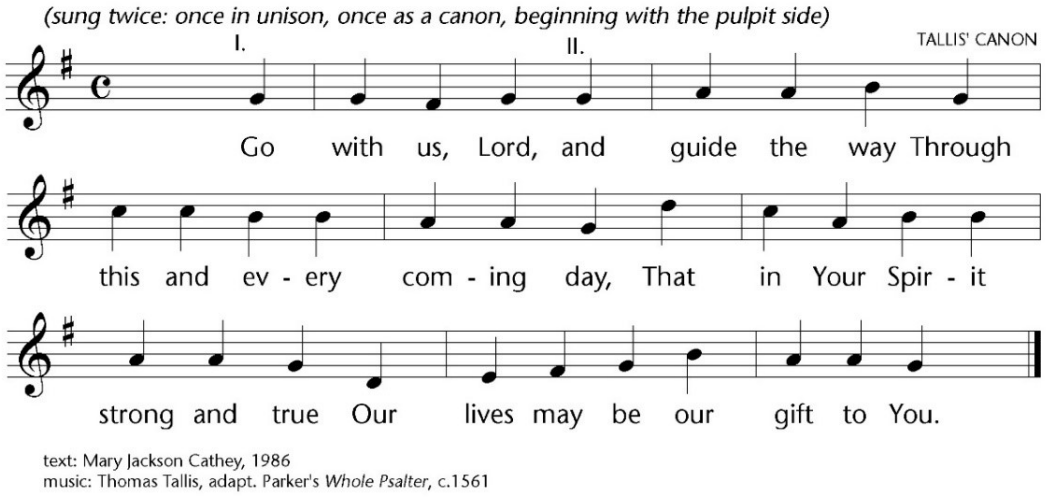
Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. 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 Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 12:1-7, Mark 12:41-44

Commentary on the Word "Tithing" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Anthem "Many Gifts, One Spirit" by Allen Pote

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 "In This Moment of Remembrance" by Dale Wood

***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** #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

***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, Thou Almighty King" arr. Don Hustad

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 9/27/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	$272,775	$ 236,735	$36,040	87
Monthly	$118,620	$77,930	$40,690	66
Quarterly	$18,100	$12,200	$5,900	68
Weekly	$22,360	$16,390	$5,970	74
Total	$431,855	$343,255	$88,600	80

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jane and Katherine McKay whose foresight in providing a legacy bequest to the church supplies us with extra funds each year and covers unexpected expenses by a grateful congregation.

World Communion Sunday is October 4th. Sierra Bartholomew, Auriana Carpenter, Izabella Carpenter, Olivia Carpenter, Molly Carmichael, Olivia Fulton, Sawyer Mabry, Kaia Nalewaja, Hart Sessions, and Virginia Sessions have completed a Communion Education Class. They will be received at the Lord's Table during worship on World Communion Sunday. Please congratulate them on this important milestone in their faith journeys. Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Rod Frohman for helping to lead the class.

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

Peacemakers for children through 5th grade will meet this evening, Sunday, October 4th (5:00-6:30pm) for dinner, Bible Study, games, music, and more. Bring a friend and a flashlight!

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.

SPY & Friends for middle and high school youth will meet Sunday, October 11th 5:30-7:00 pm at Faith Presbyterian Church.

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.

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

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.

Fellowship Supper and Trunk-or Treat is Wednesday October 21 at 6 pm. Don't forget to grab some candy, get your creativity flowing for trunk decorating ideas and RSVP to Lisa by October 19. You don't want to miss the gaggle of cuties in costumes and the yummy pizza provided by the Fellowship Committee.

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

A Note of Thanks-
The Williams Family is grateful for the outpouring of support during Dwight's recent surgery. We are thankful for our church family.

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.

<u>Friends of Congregation</u>

- 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.

<u>Scotia Village Skilled Nursing</u>
Goode Mobley (Memory), Bob Gordon

<u>Scotia Village Assisted Living (Heather Glen)</u> 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