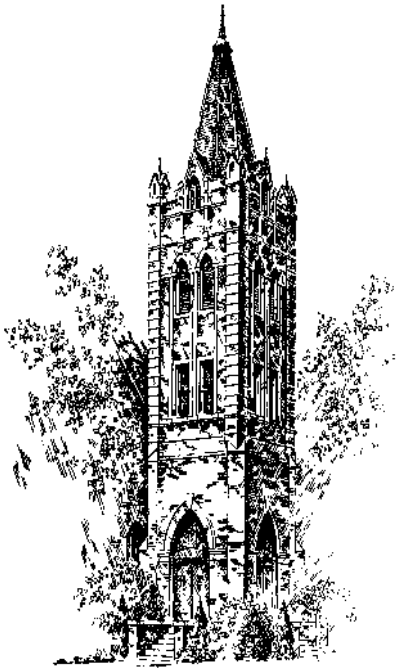
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Our Mission: To Be The Word In Action



Founded 1859

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor
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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

Minute for Mission Gus Purcell

Prelude "Exuberance" Margaret Tucker
Whitechapel Ringers

***Call to Worship** Dr. Jim McQueen
LEADER: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
LEADER: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
LEADER: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
All: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
LEADER: Let us worship together this day!

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** #772 "Live Into Hope"

Invitation to Confession
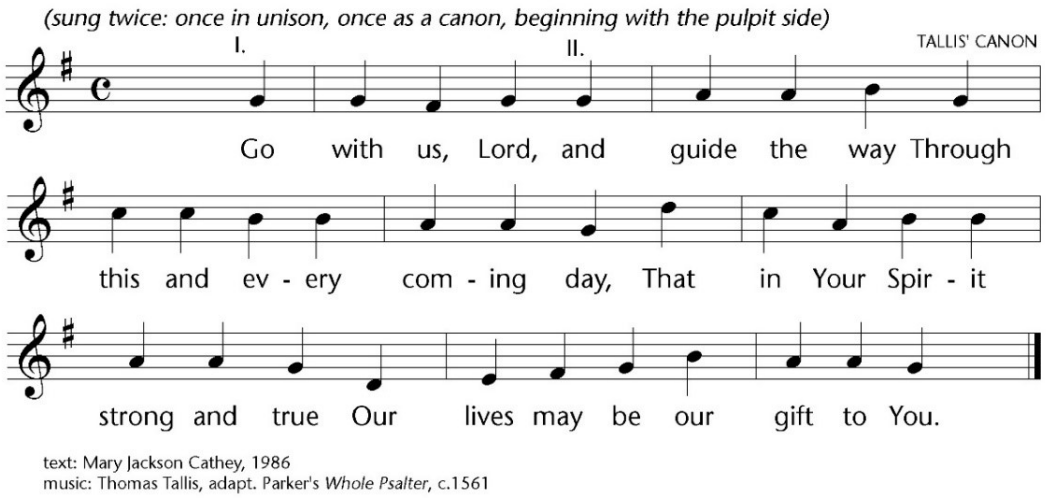
Corporate Prayer of Confession
Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. 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 Matthew 25:14-30

Commentary on the Word "Practical Peacemaking" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Special Music "In His Time" Diane Ball
Stuart Carmichael, solo

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

An Invitation to Give

Offertory "All Glory Be to God on High" 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** #373 "O Day of Peace"

***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 "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" arr. Sandra Eithun
Whitechapel Ringers
Lee Harris, piano

*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 11/9/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	$272,775	$ 242,360	$30,415	89
Monthly	$118,620	$90,835	$27,785	77
Quarterly	$18,100	$12,775	$5,325	71
Weekly	$22,360	$19,640	$2,720	88
Total	$431,855	$365,610	$66,245	85

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of D.J. and Dot McCormick and their son, Mackey, by the family.

A congregational meeting to elect officers will be held after the 11 am service today. Please plan to stay the few extra minutes to participate.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a Friendsgiving celebration at 6 pm this Wednesday, November 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite holiday sides to accompany fried chicken. Our friend Vince Bateman will speak about the program at Church Community Services. We ask that you bring donations of canned food to support our shared mission. Please let Lisa know that you are coming by tomorrow, Monday, November 16th.

The Membership Committee has chosen a cutting board featuring our church emblem as a special gift for future new members. We were so pleased with how they turned out that we wanted to share them with our church family. With Christmas just around the corner, we thought you might enjoy having one of your own or purchasing one as a thoughtful gift for someone special. It is a sweet way to share a little piece of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church with family and friends. The cost is $25 for each 8½" x 11½" board. We invite you to stop by and see a sample board at the table outside the sanctuary on Sunday. A signup sheet for orders will be on the table as well. You may also call or text Emily Womble at 910-610-5283 to place an order. All orders will be available before Christmas and payment is due at pickup. You will be notified when orders arrive. **Deadline for orders will be Monday, December 7th.**

The Gift of Christmas-The Christmas Cheer Tree has arrived! The tree near the elevator entrance displays the wish tags of the families our congregation has adopted. A change this year is the option of both wrapped and unwrapped gifts. The Deacons have provided our families the option of wrapping gifts during the Christmas Cheer Luncheon for a more personalized experience. Tags are clearly marked whether the gift should be returned to the church either wrapped by the donor or unwrapped. As in past years, it is important that all gifts be returned to the church with the wish tag attached by Sunday, December 6. Our congregation has been richly blessed and we have had a long history of sharing the love of Christ with the larger community. Your support in this continued mission is greatly appreciated!

Prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child by being a part of the Advent Workshop on Saturday, November 21st 10:00-12:00. Children will make their own nativity scenes so they can retell and play the Christmas story. There will be games, Christmas carols, cookie decorating, and lunch. Start the advent season focused on the one who brings light to the world. Interested in volunteering to help? Contact Lynn Massey or Holly Albrecht.

Calling all shepherds and angels for the December 6th Christmas pageant. There is nothing better than a live re-telling of the Christmas story to get you in the Christmas spirit. If you would like to be a part of the cast, please contact Holly Albrecht.

Please note the change to the Mission Committee meeting this month. They will meet Monday, November 16th at **5:00 pm.**

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 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- 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!

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!

The UNCP Annual Holiday Extravaganza is Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30PM at Givens Performing Arts Center (UNCP campus). It is a fundraiser for Music Scholarships! Now in its 18th year, UNC Pembroke Music Department's Holiday Extravaganza is one of the area's most

beloved seasonal traditions. Join students, faculty, and special guests for an evening of music, dance and holiday cheer — from classic carols to high-energy performances — capped off with a community sing-along. It's a great way to gather the family and get into the spirit of the season. Tickets available at the GPAC Ticket Office at (910) 521-6361 Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., or by email gpac@uncp.edu.

Family Promise will be raising funds at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers on Saturday, November 21 from 12-4 pm. 25% of sales (WOW!) from those who mention they are there for the fundraiser will go to Family Promise. This is a great way to support families experiencing homelessness while taking a break from cooking ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.! Don't forget to mention that you are there for the fundraiser!

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

November 8- 14	Miriam Bounds
November 15- 21	Katherine Campbell
November 22- 28	Carol Coughenour
Nov 29- Dec 5	Carol Edwards

Bus Drivers:

November 15	Eddie Carmichael
November 22	Tom Draper
November 29	Boyd McLaurin

November Sanctuary Committee:

*Beverly Bowling	Meredith Bounds
Martha Fulton	Susan Williams

November Usher Team:

*Richard Mabry	Earl Bowling
Danny Caddell	David Carmichael
David Harling	Bill Hill
Richard Massey	John McRae
Scott Sellers	Monroe Williams
Andy Womble	

Prayer List

- Hal Jernigan, hospitalized at CMC in Charlotte after a fall.
- Jevon Ward, at Atrium Health in Charlotte being treated for an infection.
- Linda McQueen, recovering from a full hip replacement.
- Randy Miller, dealing with late stage liver disease.
- Mary Sutton, dealing with health concerns.
- Meredith Bounds, recovering from cancer treatment.
- 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, continuing health concerns.
- 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

The Word in Action Reflection

Think about your gifts and where they could make a difference.

What are the talents and skills that you could share?

Who or What are you passionate about helping?

What Mission Projects interest you?

What are the unmet needs in our community?

Is there and organization we should partner with?

November Calendar

8- SPY Meeting at FUMC at 5:30-7 pm

9- BEG Committee Meeting at 5:45 pm
Handbell Practice 6:15 pm

10- PW Circle 2 in the Fellowship Hall 3 pm
PW Circle 1- 6 pm at Chris Carmichael's

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

16- Mission Committee Meeting 5:00 pm
Handbell Practice 6:15 pm

18- Finance Committee Meeting 8 am
Time with Pastors at Scotia Village 10:30 am
PW Circle 3 at Scotia Village 3 pm
Fellowship Meal 6 pm
Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm

19- MACs Trip to Southern Supreme 9:30 am
Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm

21- Advent Workshop 10 am-12 pm

22-Decorate for Christmas 3 pm

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

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