LAURINBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CASUAL SERVICE

Sunday, November 8, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

"God is So Good" arr. Sean Moore
Olivia Carpenter, piano

"Jesus Loves Me" arr. Sean Moore
Izabella Carpenter, piano

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Sean Moore
Auriana Carpenter, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

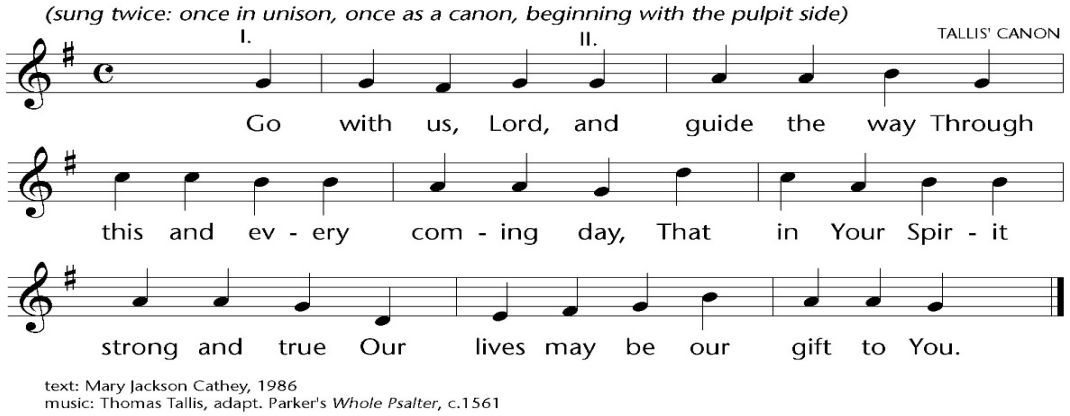
***Call to Worship** (Psalm 78) Larry Schulz

LEADER: Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth
ALL: We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
LEADER: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
ALL: As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.
LEADER: We come together to worship the living God.

OPENING HYMNS #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"
#658 "God is So Good"
(accompanied by the Joyful Ringers)

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR-----PASSING OF THE PEACE
Please take a few minutes and greet your neighbors.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
Children of all ages are invited



"Praying for Peace on Behalf of the Prince of Peace"
Scripture: John 17:1-11

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SERMON "Praying for Peace" Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Will Walk Through the Valley in Peace" arr. William Appling
Jamal Pass, Vince Murphy, Lou Pendleton, and Skyler Long, vocalists

PRAYER CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Waterfall" Howard Kasschau
Molly Carmichael, piano

CLOSING HYMN #175 "Seek Ye First"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in loving memory of Jack and Pony Gaw and Joe and Sarah Dean by Ellen and Dan Dean.

Our Stewardship Campaign is off to a good start with Dedication Sunday, October 25. We have 59 pledges submitted and have reached 76% of goal to fund our 2027 budget. Thank you to those who have submitted their pledge. If you have not submitted your pledge we urge you to do so.

2027 Pledge Update

2027 Pledge Goal	No. Received	Actual Amount Pledges	Difference	% of Goal
$456,091	59	$344,390	-$111,701	76

The Gift of Christmas

The Christmas Cheer Tree has arrived! The tree near the elevator entrance will display the wish tags of the families our congregation has adopted. A change this year will be 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 will be 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!

SPY & Friends meets Sunday, November 8th 5:30-7:00 at First United Methodist Church. SPY (Scotland Presbyterian Youth) & Friends is for middle and high school youth. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Presbyterian Women Circle meetings are listed in the calendar. Please note that **Circle 1 has a date change for this month**! They will meet at the home of Chris Carmichael Tuesday, November 10 at 6 pm.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a Friendsgiving celebration at 6 pm on 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 Monday, November 16th.

A congregational meeting to elect officers will be held after the 11 am service on November 15. Please plan to stay the few extra minutes to participate.

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.

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 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.

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon Greeters/Visitors

November 1- 7	Rachel Nalewaja
November 8- 14	Miriam Bounds
November 15- 21	Katherine Campbell
November 22- 28	Carol Coughenour
Nov 29- Dec 5	Carol Edwards

Bus Drivers:

November 1	Gus Purcell
November 8	John Campbell
November 15	Eddie Carmichael
November 22	Tom Draper
November 29	Boyd McLaurin

November Sanctuary Committee:

*Beverly Bowling Meredith Bounds
Carol Coughenour 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

2026 Pledge Detail As Of 11/1/26

	Pledged	Actual	Difference	%
Annual	$272,775	$ 240,710	$32,065	89
Monthly	$118,620	$87,360	$31,260	74
Quarterly	$18,100	$12,775	$5,325	71
Weekly	$22,360	$18,815	$3,545	85
Total	$431,855	$359,660	$72,195	84

TO MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT
THE WORK AND MISSION OF
LAURINBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
SCAN THE CODE BELOW WITH
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Help us be *"The Word In Action"*

Prayer List

- 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

November Calendar

1- All Saints Day- 11 am Worship
Caring and Sharing Sunday- Bring Your Donations
Deacons Meeting 5:30 pm
Peacemakers 5-6:30 pm

2- Handbell Practice 6:15 pm

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

5-Ladies Lunch at OLH Ingathering 11:30 am

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 5:45 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- Handbell Practice 6:15 pm

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

Joyful Singers and Ringers meet every Sunday morning at 10 am