

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

October 21 , 2018 11:00 a.m.

## Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Sabbath rest.

As we worship, please silence electronics.

Need prayer? Drop a prayer card in the offering plate.

Need help with your children? Our professionally-staffed nursery is on the first floor of the Education Building.

**Prelude**                      *How Firm a Foundation*                      Robert Hobby

**Trinity Chime**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn 361**                      *How Firm a Foundation*                      FOUNDATION

**Unison Prayer of Praise, Confession and Assurance** (unison)  
(adapted from Isaiah 32:1-8, The Message)                      Jim Thompson

Lord, we look and see that your king rules in the right way; his leaders carry out justice. Each one stands as a shelter from high winds, provides safe cover in stormy weather. Each is like cool running water in a parched land, a huge granite outcrop giving shade in the desert. Anyone who looks can't help but see this; anyone who listens will hear. The impulsive will make sound decisions, the tongue-tied will speak with eloquence.

We think about how we live, calling fools celebrities, rewarding crooks with fame. Help us to see, Lord, that fools are fools and that's that. They are always thinking up new ways to do mischief.

How much like fools we are when we forget You. Fools leave a wake of wrecked lives and lies about God, turn their backs on the homeless hungry, ignore those dying of thirst in the streets. We hate to admit it, but we can be just like

crooks, too. Underhanded sneaks who are inventive in sin and scandal, exploiting the poor with scams and lies, unmoved by the victimized poor.

Forgive us. Renew us to live like cool water in the desert of sin-filled life. Remind us that we are a royal priesthood in Your Kingdom, and that those who are noble make noble plans, and stand for what is noble. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith** (unison)                      The Apostles' Creed  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri**  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**                      Isaiah 44:1-8  
Pew Bible Page 1128

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome and Common Concerns**  
Please sign and pass the friendship booklet in your pew.  
Guests: thank you for your name and contact information.

**Mission Moment**                      Guardian ad Litem

**Tithes and Offerings**  
Children ages 4-8 may be dismissed to Children's Chapel.  
Please exit by the door to the left of the pulpit.

**Offertory**  
*Rejoice, the Lord is King*                      Rev. John Darwall/Henry Pfohl  
Chancel Choir

**Doxology**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all Creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn 425**  
*Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*                      ABBOTT'S LEIGH

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (unison)  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

**New Testament Lesson**                      John 4:7-15  
Pew Bible Page 1651

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**  
*Counting Sheep: I'm Thirsty*                      Rev. Rob Hinman

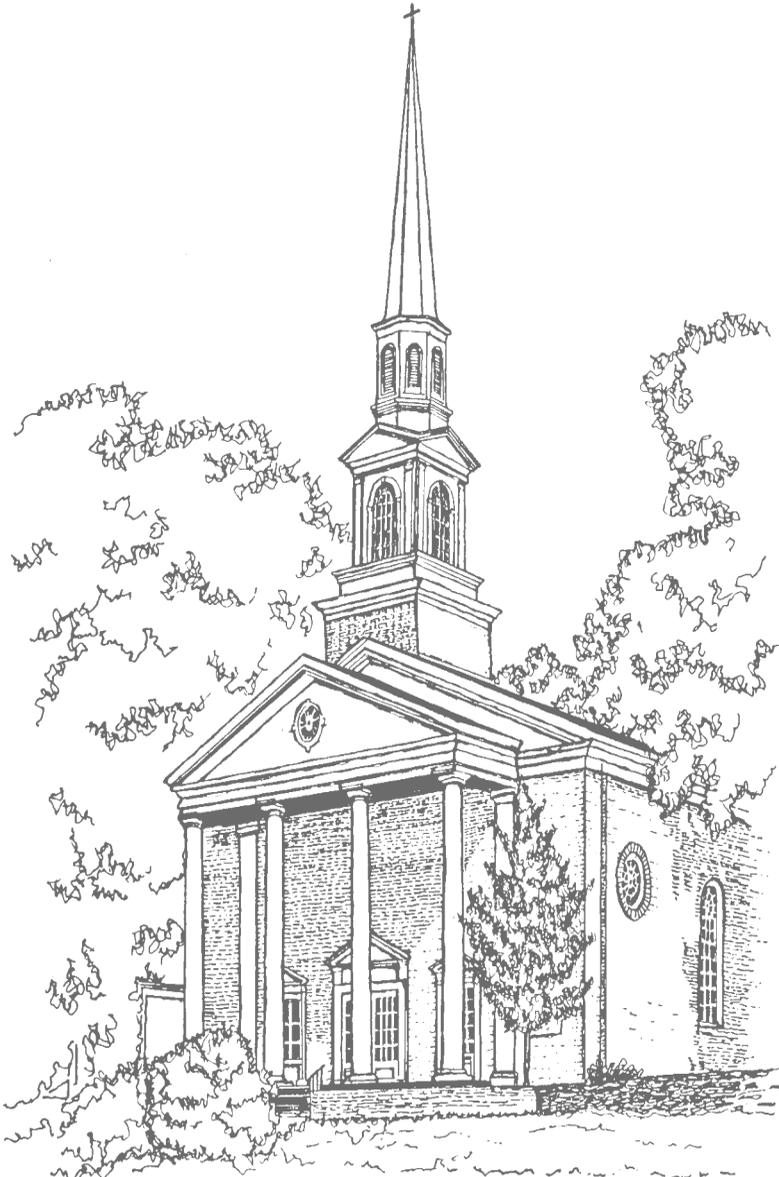
**Hymn 368**  
*I've Got Peace Like a River*                      AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

**Benediction**

**Postlude**  
Bagpipes on "Amazing Grace"                      Arr. Wilbur Held

# Lenoir Presbyterian Church

## Lenoir, North Carolina



*Since 1852, Lenoir Presbyterian -  
serving Jesus Christ by serving others.*

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### WE ARE ALL MINISTERS OF GOD'S GRACE

#### MISSIONARIES

Les and Cindy Morgan, Bangladesh  
Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi  
Jarrett and Lu Furnish, Zambia  
David and Danielle Grotton, Chile

#### CONGREGATION TRUSTEES

Ted Holcher Jim Thompson Patty Williamson

#### THE SESSION (ELDERS)

Becky Bast  
John McMenemy  
Tommy Melton  
Jill Norment  
Barry Spicer

Mike Bayne  
Cissy Kepper  
Charles Shell  
Steve Shores  
Dottie Darsie

Frances Delk  
Doug Farringer  
Leroy Mayne  
Adam Sterken  
Jim Thompson

#### CLERK OF SESSION

Tommy Melton

#### THE DIACONATE (DEACONS)

##### Class of 2018

Debbie DeBaeremaeker  
Jeannie Corriher  
Pat Howard  
Annette Mayne  
Jennifer Robson

##### Class of 2019

Darcy Evans  
Phyllis Farringer  
Teresa Larson  
Sue McKee  
Charles Woodie

##### Class of 2020

Sherri Bogdan  
Chris Jenkins  
Elizabeth Jenkins  
Patty Myers  
Paul Norwood

#### CHAIRMAN OF THE DIACONATE

Phyllis Farringer

**MODERATOR OF SESSION:** The Reverend Rob Hinman

**Please contact the following people for questions about**

#### PASTORAL NEEDS

Rob Hinman, Minister

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Brian Kane, Youth Director

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kori Dyer and Julie Hefner, Co-Directors

#### 11:00 MUSIC

Bethany Wolfe, Chancel Choir Director

Nora Ford, Organist Joe Delk, Chancel Ringers Director

#### 8:45 MUSIC

Dave Williams, Praise Band Leader

#### CHURCH FINANCES

Melanie Blair, Treasurer

#### CHURCH OFFICE

Jonnie Laws, Secretary

#### FACILITIES MANAGER

Ethan Barnett

The **purpose** of Lenoir Presbyterian Church is to earnestly invite Christ, the Light of the world, to shine brightly within a church that is at the heart of the community's heritage, significantly influencing its present and leading the way to its future in such a way that people are drawn to find life-giving warmth around the kindled fire of our Christ-centered worship and fellowship, and sent to bear the radiant love of Christ throughout the community and into the world so that Jesus Christ may be illuminated as Lord and Savior.

The **mission**, then, of Lenoir Presbyterian Church is to *receive* Jesus Christ who said "I am the Light of the World," and to *obey* Jesus Christ who said "You are the light of the world" by doing the following:

1. **Beholding the Light** in Faith as the church gathered around the Scriptures in worship, prayer and study;
2. **Kindling the Light** for all who come within our bounds as the church tethered together in love;
3. **Bearing the Light** to the community and the world as the church sent to minister Christ's love in word and deed.

God is calling us to be continually renewed as instruments for the growth of His Kingdom. As His instruments in this congregation, we hold these **core values**:

1. Bowing humbly before the Cross, **we lift up Jesus Christ as the one and only way to salvation**. Recognizing that all people are sinners, we will be passionate about drawing people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, God's grace revealed to the world.
2. We accept and **study the Bible as God's revealed Word**, and teach that Holy Scripture is the only unfailing rule of faith and life.
3. We are **led by the Holy Spirit**, living in faith that God will do new things in our lives and transform us by His Word. **We will pray for and be driven by His calling. We will take prayer seriously** and step out in faith.
4. We seek to **offer ourselves to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as a holy and pleasing sacrifice**, and to live pure lives. We will discover our God-given talents and use our gifts in ministries about which we are passionate.
5. We desire with our hearts to **expand the Kingdom, both at Lenoir Presbyterian and beyond**. We will reach out to draw people into Spirit-led worship so that they may grow to be disciples of Jesus Christ.
6. We will **care for one another**, not just through pastoral care, but through congregational care, which comes first and best **through smaller groups of community and fellowship**.