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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

September 10, 2023 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Bring a Friend Sunday” - Pastor: Rev. John Bright

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Liturgist: Barbara Austin      Organist: Pam Johnson      Acolyte: Ann Via  
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/ Charles Clay and Barry Deal  
Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

**Prelude: “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me” – by Farren, Robinson, and Thompson/arr. B Keveren – Pam Johnson**

**Lighting of the Christ Candles: Ann Via**

**Welcome & Announcements: Barbara Austin**

**Call to Worship: Barbara Austin**

L. As we gather together to worship, let us remember the words of Scripture:

**P. Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.**

L. Jesus sent his disciples out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

**P. For with two, if you fall, someone is there to help you up.**

L. Jesus says, “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

**P. Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm.**

L. Every day the believers continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

**P. Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.**

L. Let us consider how we may spur each other on toward love and good deeds.

**P. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

L. So let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another.

**P. Let us worship God together.**

**Greeting Our Brother’s and Sister’s in Christ**

**\*Opening Hymn – “O Worship the King” (UMH 73)**

**Joys & Concerns: Barbara Austin**

**Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer: Rev. John Bright**

**Anthem: “God Causes All Things to Grow” – Steven C. Chapman/Steve Green – Solo by Tyrone Franklin**

**Children’s Message: Jenny Nelson**

**Scripture Lesson: –Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 – Rev. John Bright**

**Sermon: “A Place to Belong” – Rev. John Bright**

**\*Hymn of Response: “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (UMH 277)**

**\*Tithes and Offerings –w/ Doxology – “My Tribute” (UMH 99)**

**\*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright**

**\*Hymn of Commitment – “Ye Servants of God” (UMH 181)**

**\*Benediction: Rev. John Bright**

**Postlude: “Our God” – by Myrin, Reeves, Tomlin and Redman/arr. by Keveren – Pam Johnson**

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### OUR PRAYERS

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#### OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Gail Dagenhart, Ann Hechler, Carol Givens, Kim Davis, Doug Gottwald, Jean Miller, Mary Hicks, Mary Ann and Clyde Howard, Evelyn Steele, Geneva Olgers, Phyllis and Sara Nelson, Regina Humphrey, John Brockman, Becky Torrence, Dot Gay and ML Yuhas.

#### KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

- Our Weekday School – Margo Keeles (Director), our teachers, students and families.
- Our community of Varina and all the residents, our churches in our neighborhoods, schools, students, teachers, administrators and all employees.
- Our state of Virginia, our residents and leaders.
- The United States of America, our citizens and leaders, the countries of the world, their people and leaders. May God bless us all and His will be done. Come, Jesus, come!
- The citizens and leaders of Ukraine, for their safety and for the end of the war.
- People in Turkey and Syria. The people of Maui, Hawaii.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**TO OUR VISITORS:** We welcome you to Laurel Hill and hope that you feel at home. We invite you to join Laurel Hill if you do not have a church home. Please call our church office at 804-795-2772. You will find our Laurel Hill family both warm and eager to welcome you into our fellowship.

**A SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TODAY** to bless the people of Maui. If you write a check, write Maui Relief on the Memo line. Thank you for your blessing.

**THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE** will host a Pancake Brunch at the Ruritan Building on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 A.M. -Noon. We know you all will help, so thanks, in advance. Call Lois Miller for more information or to volunteer your efforts for this breakfast.

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** has approved resuming first Sunday luncheons. We need someone to chair the committee and we need volunteers.

**THE LADIES OF LAUREL HILL** will meet at the home of Nancy Henry on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. for a covered dish luncheon. If you know what you will bring, call Joanne Corley so that we will not duplicate dishes. Hope all you ladies will attend, and thank you to Nancy for hosting.

**REMINDER...**Dine to Donate at Texas Roadhouse is Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-10 PM. You must have the flyer to donate 10 % to FISH. They are in your newsletter and on the table in the narthex.

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** has moved to Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. The Finance Committee will keep it's usual time on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

**OUR "TRUNK OR TREAT"** will be on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4:30 P.M. A flyer is on the table in the narthex with complete information. Call Dale Dixon if you can help in any way. Thank you for make this special for our community children.

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## REGULAR SCHEDULE

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- Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. (Genesis, Amen and Friendship Classes)
- In Person/Live Streaming on Facebook Sunday Worship – 11:00 A.M.
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting with Holy Communion – 9:00 A.M.
- Wednesday Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6:45 P.M.  
Wednesday Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 P.M.

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## HOUSE CHURCHES

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**New Life** – Barbara and Rev. Tom Austin, Shepherds  
(Meets Monday @ 10:30 A.M. @ the Turner's home) 804-303-4828

**Praise the Lord (PTL)** – Bud Funk, Shepherd  
(Meets Thursday @ 7 P.M. @ Bud Funk's home) 804-543-2327

**Thankful Hearts** – Pam and Rev. Ed Johnson & Lois and Kirby Miller, Shepherd  
(Meets Friday @ 10 A.M. @ Amen Class Room) 804-737-7450

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## WEEKDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

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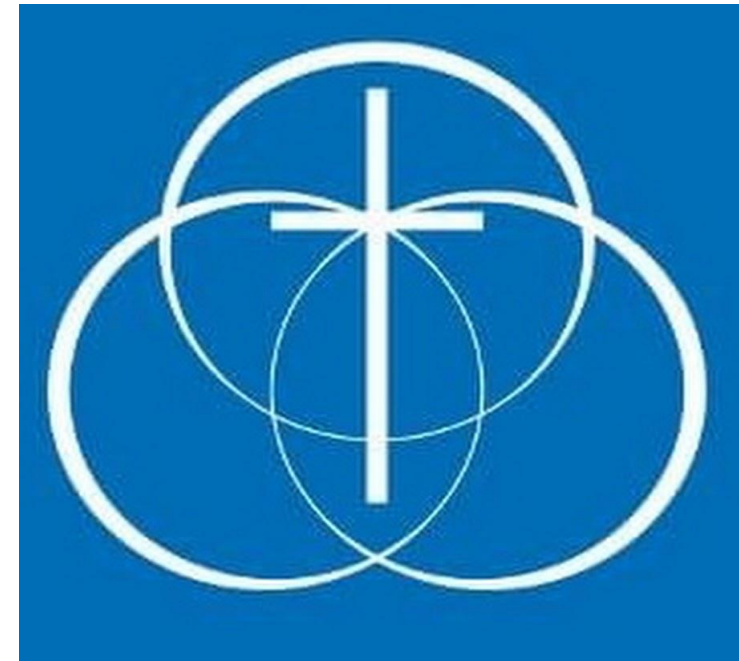
**Margo Keeles, Director**

Mon.-Fri.	7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Before and After Preschool Care (Ages 2-4)
Tue./Thurs.	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon	..... Preschool (Age 2)
Mon./Wed./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon	..... Preschool (Age 3)
M/Tu./Th./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon	..... Preschool (Age 4)
Fri Mon.-.	2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M	..... School Age (K-12 Years)
Mon.-Fri.	7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	.....Summer Program (Ages 2-12 Years)

## *Welcome to Laurel Hill for Bring a Friend Sunday!*

You have chosen to visit us as the congregation enters a new season. Ecclesiastes 3:1 assures us: "To everything there is a season." We have recently moved into a new setting for ministry and have a new pastor, Rev. John Bright. If you are seeking a place to belong and get involved – consider giving Laurel Hill a try. We seek to have our arms wide open as we believe that is how Jesus receives us every day. Join us in this journey if you desire a closer walk with Christ and his followers at Laurel Hill.

**BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW** – Virginia Home Gathering 2023. Join us Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Wilderness Community Church for a time of worship and celebration for the Global Methodist Church. There is a flyer in the narthex on the table with information on the back for a Prayer Chain for VA GMC Home Gathering. Please take one and pray for the 10 Prayer Points for VA GMC.



## *Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church*

**Worship Passionately . Love Extravagantly . Witness Boldly**

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### **OUR SERVANTS**

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**Pastor: Rev. John Bright    Organist/Choir Director: Pamela Wilson**

**Secretary: Barbara Wendel    School Director: Margo Keeles**

**Custodians: Kathy and Robert Charles**

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**ENTER TO WORSHIP . DEPART TO SERVE**

