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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

September 17, 2023 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. John Bright

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Liturgist: Jenny Nelson    Organist: Pam Wilson    Acolyte: Rachel Hawk  
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Chris Shumaker/Thomas Gardner  
Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

**Prelude: “Autum Zephyrs” – by Roy E. Nolte**

**Lighting of the Christ Candles: Rachel Hawk**

**Welcome & Announcements: Jenny Nelson**

**\* Call to Worship: Jenny Nelson**

L. The people of God were made for worship:  
To sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.

**P. The people of God were made for God’s presence:  
For pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.**

L. Come, holy people, God’s chosen disciples:  
Gather for worship, come from all places!

**P. We have come to God’s temple, gathered together,  
We have come to praise God and enjoy him forever.**

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

**\* Opening Hymn – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (UMH 139)**

**Joys & Concerns: Jenny Nelson**

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

**Anthem: “You Are Welcome Here” – Mary Parks - Chancel Choir**

**Children’s Message: Nancy Henry**

**Scripture Lesson: –Revelation 2:12-17– Rev. John Bright**

**Sermon: “Beliefs as Boundaries” – Rev. John Bright**

**\* Hymn of Response: “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms” (UMH 133)**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (UMH 881)**

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

**Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright**

**\* Hymn of Commitment – “Trust and Obey” (UMH 467)**

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

**\* Postlude: “An Affirmation of Faith” – by Lani Smith**

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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.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given with dearest love in remembrance of Julian and Mary Duke Garber for their anniversary, and in memory of the gift they left, “Therefore be imitators of God, as blessed children, and walk in love.” Ephesians 5:1

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...** Trunk or Treat time will be here before you know it! We will be collecting candy, favors, and cash for our Trunk or Treat event. Beginning Sunday, September 17th there will be a basket in the Narthex for all donations except cash. Please give cash donations to Connie Madison or me. We would also like to have people volunteer to decorate their car trunks, truck beds, etc. You can call, text, or e-mail me if you are interested in helping. The date and time is October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 4:30. Thank you, Dale Dixon (804-837-4562)

**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.

**VIRGINIA GMC GATHERING 2023...** Join us Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Wilderness Community Church in Fredericksburg, Va. at 10 A.M. for a time of worship and celebration for the Global Methodist Church. There is a flyer in the narthex on the table. Please take one and pray for the 10 Prayer Points for VA GMC.

**THE VARINA WOMAN'S CLUB** is having a Food Drive with Donations going to Eastern Henrico FISH. We know Laurel Hill donates already, but if you would like to bring a few extra items, do so Sunday, September 24th and the club will deliver them to FISH. Thank you!

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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. @ the Johnson’s home, except the last Friday of each month they will meet in the Amen Class Room) 804-737-7450

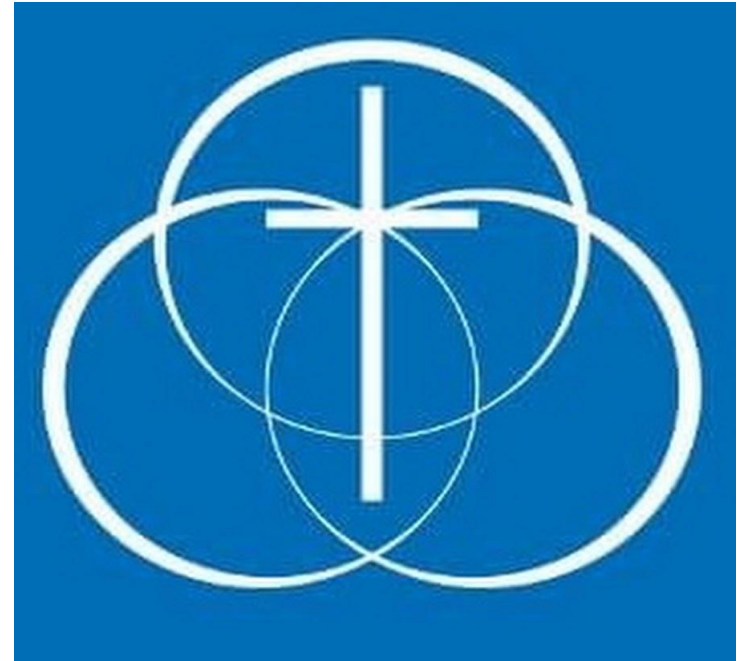
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## WEEKDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

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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)



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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**

