# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

# September 24, 2023 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Pastor: Rev. John Bright

Liturgist: Rev. Tom Austin Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Nancy Henry Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Charles Clay / Barry Deal Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

Prelude: "O Quiet Reverie" - by Sylvia Riggs

Lighting of the Christ Candles: Nancy Henry

Welcome & Announcements: Rev. Tom Austin

- \* Call to Worship: Rev. Tom Austin
- L. Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;
- P. We will give thanks to God's holy name.
- L. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy come with the morning.
- P. We will give thanks to God's holy name.
- L. God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!
- P. Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!

Greeting Our Brother's and Sister's in Christ

\* Opening Hymn – "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (UMH 301)

Joys & Concerns: Rev. Tom Austin

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer: Rev. John Bright

Anthem: "Come, Sing Unto the Lord" - Joseph Martin - Chancel Choir

Children's Message: Nancy Henry

Scripture Lesson: -Genesis 1:1-5- Rev. John Bright

Sermon: "I Believe in God" - Rev. John Bright

\* Hymn of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be" (UMH 399)

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

Tithes and Offerings -w/ Doxology - "My Tribute" (UMH 99)

Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

\* Hymn of Commitment – "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (UMH 382)

\* Benediction: Rev. John Bright

\* Postlude: "Chanson Triste" - by Tchaikovsky

## **OUR PRAYERS**

#### **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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>TO OUR VISITORS</u>: 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.

<u>THE ALTAR FLOWERS</u> are presented to the Glory of Almighty God and in celebration of Phyllis Nelson for her birthday. They are given, with our love, by Marsha, Ben and Chloe.

<u>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...</u> 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 will meet on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

<u>VIRGINIA GMC GATHERING 2023</u>... 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.

<u>THE VARINA WOMAN'S CLUB</u> 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!

**REMINDER...**Our Yard Sale/Bake Sale will be on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 A.M. to 1 P.M. Bring in your donations and help us with some baked goods. Thank you for your support.

#### **REGULAR SCHEDULE**

- 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.

#### **HOUSE CHURCHES**

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

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

<u>Thankful Hearts</u> - 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

## WEEKDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

# **Margo Keeles, Director**

MonFri.	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)
MonFri.	7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	••••••Summer Program (Ages 2-12 Years)

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# **OUR SERVANTS**

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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