
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

September 3, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. John Bright

Liturgist: Linda Turner Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Lois Miller
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/ Charles Clay and Barry Deal
Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

Prelude: “Prelude on a Familiar Hymn” – Randolph Johnston

Lighting of the Christ Candles: Lois Miller

Welcome & Announcements: Linda Turner

Liturgy for Induction of Rev. John Bright – See Insert on Flyer

***Opening Hymn – “Jesus Is All the World to Me” (UMH 469)**

Joys & Concerns: Linda Turner

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer: Rev. John Bright

Anthem: “As We Come Together” Stan Pethel – Chancel Choir

Children’s Message: Lois Miller

Scripture Lesson: –Luke 15:11-32 – Rev. John Bright

Sermon: “What a Long Strange Trip” – Rev. John Bright

***Hymn of Response: “Let Us Break Bread Together” (UMH 618)**

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

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

Celebrate the Lord’s Supper: (UMH/P.15-16)

***Hymn of Commitment – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (UMH 334)**

***Benediction: Rev. John Bright**

Postlude: “Rigardon” – Jean-Baptiste DeLully

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, in their grieving the loss of loved ones, their homes, businesses and places of worship, bless them Lord, as only you are able. Give them the spirit of renewal and strength to come back from this tragedy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

TODAY we welcome our new pastor, Rev. John Bright. We are all excited to have him begin his ministry at Laurel Hill and we look forward to a “Bright” future under his guidance and leadership. We ask God to bless him and his family. The altar flowers are given in honor of Rev. John Bright on his first Sunday at Laurel Hill.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE will host a fund raiser in the fall and they need volunteers to help. It will be a Pancake Brunch at the Ruritan Building on Saturday, September 16th 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.

OUR BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIRS will meet on Wednesdays, Bells at 6:45 pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm. We have some very dedicated members, but we need more bell ringers and voices to enhance our music ministry. Please consider joining us. We have a good time and God will smile too, knowing you are using your talents to honor Him!

THE LADIES OF LAUREL HILL will meet at the home of Nancy Henry on Tuesday, September 12th 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.

ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to share their love of reading to our Daycare Children. Please Contact Connie Madison for information. This is an outreach for our Sunday School Program. Your heart will be filled with love! 804-507-0862

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 – 7:00 P.M. (To resume in the fall)
- Wednesday Chancel Choir Rehearsal – (To resume in the fall)

HOUSE CHURCHES

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

WEEKDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

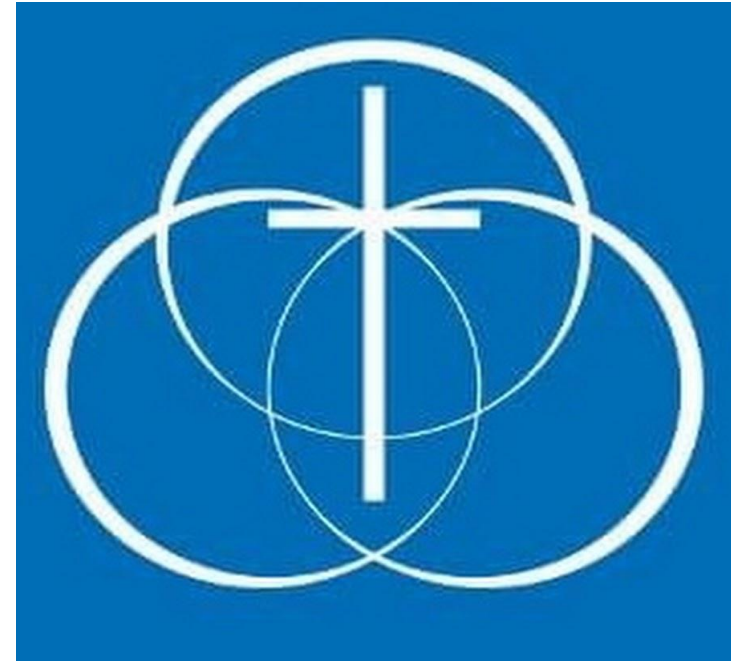
Margo Keeles, Director

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)

INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 10TH

Do you have an unchurched friend? Our “Invite a Friend Sunday” is coming up in two weeks on September 10. It’s a special day when members of our church invite folks who are not connected to another church for worship and fellowship. There will be a reception that day for Pastor John. He thinks it is a good time to bring visitors into the life of Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church. Who can you invite? Have you talked with that person recently? Plan to get together with that person this week – maybe share a cup of coffee. Pray for God to speak to the heart of your friend. That you care enough to invite that person might be just what he or she needs at this time. “A friend loves at all times...” Proverbs 17:17

Hope you will all invite a friend and plan to stay for our Luncheon/Reception for our new pastor, Rev. John Bright. Remember, we expect extra guests so bring your best dishes.



Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church

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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

ENTER TO WORSHIP . DEPART TO SERVE

