
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

October 15, 2023 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. John Bright

Liturgist: Ann Via Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Kathie Whitlow
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/ Charles Clay /Barry Deal
Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

Prelude: “At the Mercy Seat” – by Donald Lee Moore

Lighting of the Christ Candles: Kathie Whitlow

Welcome & Announcements: Ann Via

* **Call to Worship: Ann Via**

L. Are you thirsty?

P. We are parched, and this journey is long.

L. What are you thirsting for this day?

P. We are open and our spirits are willing to receive your grace.

L. Come, let us journey toward the spring of living water.

P: **Fill my cup Lord!**

L. Let go of all that holds you down and holds you back from the living water.

P. **Come and fill us up so that we may never thirst again.**

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ...

* **Opening Hymn – “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” (UMH 662)**

Joys & Concerns: Ann Via

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer: Rev. John Bright

**Anthem: “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer” –Larry Shackley/
Chancel Choir**

Children’s Message: Buddy Whitlow

Scripture Lesson: – John 14:15-18 – Rev. John Bright

Sermon: “The Promised Spirit” – Rev. John Bright

* **Hymn of Response: “I’m Gon’ a Sing” (UMH 333)**

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

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

Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

* **Hymn of Commitment – “Jesus Savior, Pilot Me” (UMH 509)**

* **Benediction: Rev. John Bright**

* **Postlude: “Everlasting Joy” – by Lani Smith**

OUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Gail Dagenhart, Ann Hechler, 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, Ben Williams 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.
- The Jewish people in Israel and around the world.

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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in celebration of the birthday of Marsha Williams. The flowers are given by Evelyn Woods and Chloe.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...We are going to return to passing the offering plate soon and we need volunteers to serve in this worship ministry. If you will help, please call Linda Turner or the church office. Thank you.

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. A basket is 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 28th from 3:00 - 4:30. Thank you, Dale Dixon (804-837-4562)

VIRGINIA GMC GATHERING 2023... Join us Saturday, October 21st at Wilderness Community Church in Fredericksburg, Va. at 10 A.M. for a time of worship and celebration for the Global Methodist Church. Go to www.wildernesschurch.org to pre-register. Cost, \$15.

OUR BIBLE STUDIES will begin on Monday, October 23rd, 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday, October 25th, at 10:30 A.M. Please contact Pastor John if you wish to attend and have not signed up yet. You may also call the church office to sign up.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, we will have Mission Sunday and our speaker will be from the East End Pregnancy Center. Following worship, we will have a churchwide covered dish luncheon and we will bring items to donate to the Center. Let's be generous with food and baby gifts to support the Center's ministry. Thank you.

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.
- Monday Bible Study on Gospel of John – 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting with Holy Communion – 9:00 A.M.
- Wednesday Bible Study on Acts – 10:30 A.M.
- Wednesday Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6:45 P.M.
- Wednesday Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 P.M.

HOUSE CHURCHES

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

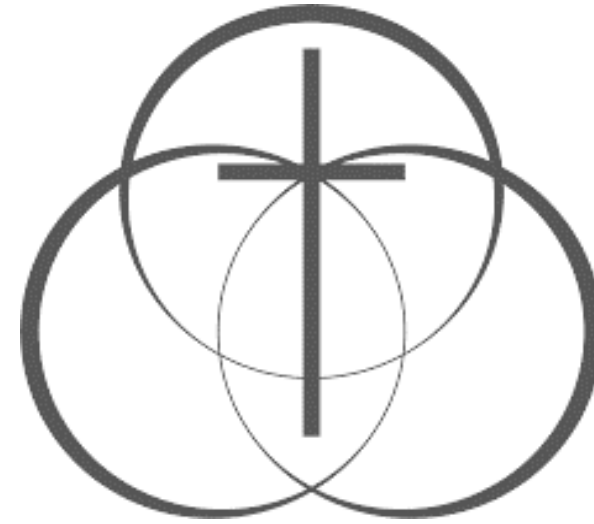
Praise the Lord (PTL) – Bud Funk, Shepherd
(Meets Thursday @ 7 P.M. @ Bud Funk's home) 804-543-2327

Thankful Hearts – Pam and Rev. Ed Johnson & Lois and Kirby Miller, Shepherd
(Meets Friday @ 10 A.M. @ the Johnson's home, except the 4th Friday of each month they will meet in the 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 Noon Preschool (Age 2)
Mon./Wed./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon Preschool (Age 3)
M/Tu./Th./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12 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

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

