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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

October 22, 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. John Bright

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Liturgist: Ann Ragland      Organist: Pam Wilson      Acolyte: Nancy Henry  
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/ Chris Shumaker & Thomas Gardner  
Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

**Prelude: “Prelude on ‘Brother James’ Air” – by James Denton**

**Lighting of the Christ Candles: Nancy Henry**

**Welcome & Announcements: Ann Ragland**

**\* Call to Worship: Ann Ragland**

L. God we come to worship you

P. **in Spirit and Truth!**

L. We come to empty ourselves for you.

P. **Receive our praise and worship, our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears.**

L. We give all of ourselves to you in worship

P. **so that you will fill us up with your Spirit**

L. and send us out into your world again to continue the work of your kingdom!

P. **Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!**

**Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ...**

**\* Opening Hymn – “And Are We Yet Alive” (UMH 553)**

**Joys & Concerns: Ann Ragland**

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

**Anthem: “From Every Stormy Wind that Blows” –Larry Shackley/  
Chancel Choir**

**Children’s Message: Buddy Whitlow**

**Scripture Lesson: –Acts 2:46-47 – Rev. John Bright**

**Sermon: “The Promised Church” – Rev. John Bright**

**\* Hymn of Response: “We, Thy People, Praise Thee” (UMH 67)**

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

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

**Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright**

**\* Hymn of Commitment – “Pass It On” (UMH 572)**

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

**\* Postlude: “Trumpet Air” – by Henry Purcell**

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### OUR PRAYERS

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#### 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.

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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.

**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 ...**The date and time is October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 4:30 P.M. For questions call Dale Dixon (804-837-4562). Thank you for your participation.

**OUR BIBLE STUDIES** will begin on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>TH</sup>,** 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.

**OUR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (Note time). It will be hosted by the Rise Church at Mehfoud Elementary School. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for all He has done and continues to do for us each day. Hope to see you there!

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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.
- 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.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month they will meet in the Amen Class Room) 804-737-7450

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## WEEKDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

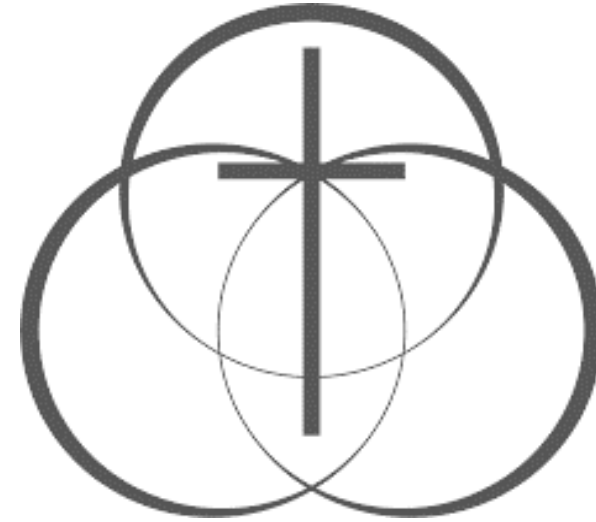
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**Margo Keeles, Director**

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 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)

**An Ancient Hymn of Hope  
Revelation 12:10-12**

“The salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God,  
and the ruling authority of his Christ, have now come,  
because the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
the one who accuses them day and night before our God,  
has been thrown down.  
But they overcame him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
and they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.  
Therefore you heavens rejoice, and all who reside in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea  
because the devil has come down to you!  
He is filled with terrible anger,  
for he knows that he only has a little time!”



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**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**

