
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

Second Sunday in Advent - Peace

December 10, 2023 - Pastor: Rev. John Bright

Liturgist: Barbara Austin Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Ann Via
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/ Chris Shumaker/Thomas Gardner
Ushers: Linda Kinsey and Kirby Miller Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

Prelude: “Ding Dong Merrily on High” – Handbell Choir

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Ann Via

Welcome & Announcements: Barbara Austin

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Reader/Lois Miller

After the reading and the candle is lit, please join us to read...

“Dear Jesus, we pray that you would reveal yourself to us today as the Prince of Peace. We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. Help us to slow down and seek out the peace that only you provide, that we may become peacemakers for others. Amen.”

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

*Opening Hymn: “The First Noel” (UMH 245)

Joys & Concerns: Barbara Austin

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer: Rev. John Bright

Anthem: “A Highway for Our God” by Lloyd Larson/Chancel Choir

Children’s Message: Rev. John Bright

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Linda Kinsey and Kirby Miller

*Doxology – “My Tribute” (UMH 99)

*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

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

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 Rev. John Bright

Sermon: “When You Care Enough to Send the Very Best”
Rev. John Bright

Closing Hymn – “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (UMH 220)

* Benediction: Rev. John Bright

* Postlude: “Rejoice, Emmanuel Shall Come” – by James Denton

(*Please stand if you are able.)

OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Gail Dagenhart, Ann Hechler, Kim Davis, 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.
- 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.

TODAY AT 3:00 PM, in the sanctuary, our Weekday School will present their Christmas Play. This will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. If your Christmas spirit needs a little boost, this will be just what you need. Our children are precious and will bring much joy to you. Come on out and support our Weekday School and the staff, and Pam, for their many hours of preparation.

THE LADIES OF LAUREL HILL will meet next **Tuesday, December 12th at 10:30 AM** to prepare poinsettias/plants for our shut-ins. This will be followed by lunch at Longhorn's Steak House.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will not rehearse until the first week of January. This week, the Chancel Choir will begin rehearsal at 7:00 P.M.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will meet on Saturday, December 16th, at 10:00 A.M. to rehearse for the Christmas Cantata that will be presented during worship on Sunday, December 17th.

THE SHEPHERD'S GATHERING will be at the parsonage on Saturday, December 16th at 4:00 P.M.

WE WANT TO BLESS OUR PASTOR AND STAFF with a Christmas gift from our congregation; if you would like to participate, see the member of the staff-parish committee holding a decorated box in the narthex before or after worship service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	10:30 AM New Life House Church (804-303-4828) 7:00 PM Bible Study (In Person & On Line)
Tuesday	10:30 AM Ladies of Laurel Hill
Wednesday	9:00 AM Prayer in Sanctuary with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM PTL House Church.
Friday	10:00 AM Thankful Hearts House Church (804-737-7450)
Saturday	10:00 AM Rehearsal for Christmas Cantata 4:00 PM Shepherds Gathering at the Parsonage
Sunday	10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship & Christmas Cantata- also available online

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

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)



Some thoughts on giving...

These come from "The 33 Laws of Stewardship; Principles for a Life of True Fulfillment" by Dave Sutherland & Kirk Nowery.

- THE LAW OF ABSOLUTE HARVEST – Sow sparingly, reap sparingly; sow bountifully, reap bountifully.
- THE LAW OF CHanneled RESOURCES – Good Stewards are "pipe-lines"; not storage tanks.
- THE LAW OF LOVING COMPLIANCE – Pure obedience, prompted by pure love, produces pure stewardship.

How can you give at Laurel Hill GMC?

1 – Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plate. Please contact the church office for offering envelopes.

2 - You may also give online. The QR code below will take you to our website's giving page: <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/laurelhillgiving>



3 – Planned giving – including the LHGMC in your will is a wonderful way to ensure the ministries we are called to provide for Varina will continue into the future.



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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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