

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Epiphany /January 21, 2024

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

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision” Michael Ryan/Handbell Choir

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Ann Via

Welcome & Announcements: Barbara Austin

* Call to Worship: Barbara Austin

One: God of the ages, come to us now so that through this time together in this, your holy place, Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church, we feel you kindling a fire in our hearts.

All: Gift us with the strength and faith as we pray so that when we leave today, we may truly begin to see the world differently and by our actions, these small deeds, these small seeds, we proclaim your message to the world you love. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

*Opening Hymn: “He Is Born” (UMH 228)

Joys & Concerns: Barbara Austin

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

Anthem: “We Are One, Lord” Stan Pethel/Adult Chancel Choir

Children’s Message: Rev. Tom Austin

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Kirby Miller & Bud Funk

*Doxology – “My Tribute” (UMH 99)

*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

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

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 29:15-20 Rev. John Bright

Sermon: “Faith That Helps You Persevere” Rev. John Bright

Closing Hymn – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (UMH 224)

* Benediction: Rev. John Bright

* Postlude: “A New Year’s Song”– Robert Hughes

(*Please stand if you are able.)

OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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.

HELP NEEDED: We need volunteers during the sale of Arie Brandon's quilts, fabrics, notions, and books. Helpers are needed to man the checkout and to assist shoppers in looking at the quilts. It is estimated that 5-6 people will be needed to man the sale at any time. The sale will be Wednesday, January 31st from 5-7 P.M.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 1st-3rd from 10 A.M.-4 P.M. and Sunday, February 4th, from 2-4 P.M. If you can work any hours during the sale it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Meade Welch at 804-795-1179 to sign-up to help. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between the Brandon family and Laurel Hill Church.

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the hallway. Please take a few minutes to pick up your box. If you have questions, please contact Tyrone Franklin. If you want to receive envelopes but do not see any with your name, Tyrone will be happy to bring you a box next week. Thank you.

THE CHRISTMAS CARDS are on a table in the hallway. Please check to see if you have more to take home. Next Sunday will be the last day to pick up Christmas cards.

A NEW ADRESSE for Pastor Norman and Karen Ramsey: 1080 Rolling Hill Road, Pamplin, Va. 23958 and a new address for Pastor Hyunho and Miyeon Lee: 4149 Oldtown Road, Shawsville, Va. 24162. Thought you might enjoy having this information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	10:00 AM New Life House Church (804-303-4828) 7:00 PM Bible Study (In Person & On Line)
Wednesday	9:00 AM Prayer in Sanctuary with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:45 PM Handbells and 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday	7:00 PM PTL House Church (804-543-2327)
Friday	10:00 AM Thankful Hearts House Church (804-737-7450)
Sunday	10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship – also available online

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 6:00P.M.Summer Program (Ages 2-12 Years)



Some thoughts on giving...

In Luke 12, Jesus tells them a parable about a farmer with an abundant harvest. He makes plans to care for himself. He speaks these words we have all heard before – v. 19 “Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” (notice the first word of the next verse!) 20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ 21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

In Jesus’ parable, a man that society would typically laud as an agricultural genius was labeled by God as a fool. Why? Because the man’s focus was inward toward himself instead of upward toward God.

As we move through this year, please remember your stewardship of giving your life to Christ – even the financial resources that allow Laurel Hill to be a light to others. For as taught by this text – God sends His blessings to us, so that others may be blessed through us.

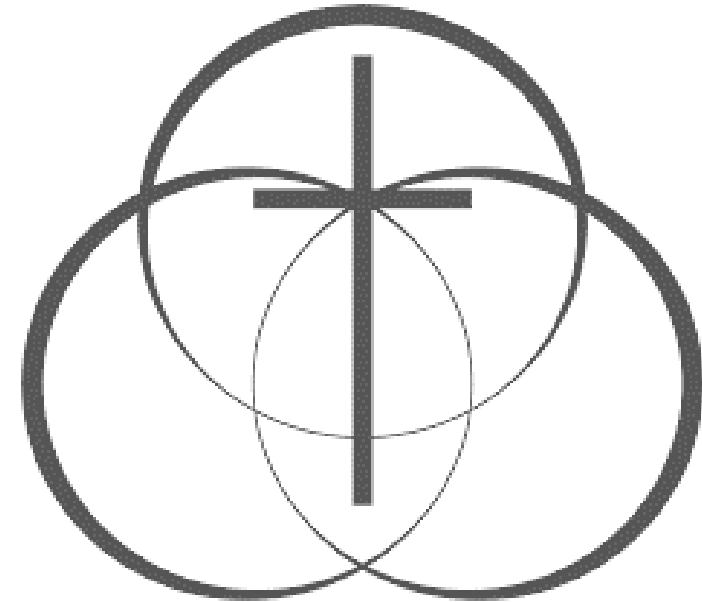
How can you give at Laurel Hill GMC?

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.



Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church

Worship Passionately . Love Extravagantly . Witness Boldly

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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

