

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany /January 28, 2024

Liturgist: Ann Ragland Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Kathie Whitlow
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Chris Shumaker & Thomas Gardner
Ushers: Buddy Whitlow & Stuart Walton Music Leader: Tyrone Franklin

Prelude: “Teach Us Thy Word” Felix Mendelssohn

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Kathie Whitlow

Welcome & Announcements: Ann Ragland

* Call to Worship: Ann Ragland

L. We gather for worship trusting that God is with us. God was with us as we awoke and dressed, ate breakfast and traveled to this place. We gather to become more alert to God’s presence in our lives.

All: God will be with us in the week to come, as we work and rest, laugh and cry. We gather to gain strength for the journey ahead. God is with us now, in this place, as we sing and pray, listen and speak. *Thanks be to God!*

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

*Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (UMH 89)

Joys & Concerns: Ann Ragland

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

Anthem: “Walk Through the World with Me” Bryan Jeffery Leech

Children’s Message: Lois Miller

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Buddy Whitlow & Stuart Walton

*Doxology – “My Tribute” (UMH 99)

*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

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

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 39:20-21 Rev. John Bright

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

Closing Hymn – “Joy to the World” (UMH 246)

* Benediction: Rev. John Bright

* Postlude: “Celebration” – Thomas Chesterton

(*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.

ARIE BRANDON'S QUILTS, fabrics, notions, and books will be for sale. 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 have question, please contact Meade Welch at 804-795-1179. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between the Brandon family and Laurel Hill Church. The address of the sale is 2207 Kingsland Road (the former home of Dot Gay). Come out and enjoy shopping for one of a kind treasures.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Tracey Abbot who passed away this past week. Tracey is a former resident of Good Neighbor Village. The address for her mother, Debbie Abbot, is 1121 Guilford Gt., McLean, Va. 22101. We hope you will send a card to let her know she is in your prayers.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES: On Sunday, February 4, Pastor John will begin a 7-part sermon series on prayer –“The W.H.Y. of Prayer.” Here’s what those three letters stand for, “Who Helps You?” Each week, on your teaching sheet there will be, a homework assignment. For example, the first week you will be asked to read Luke 15 every day and consider this question: Can you believe that God is crazy in love with you... especially you? After Easter, Pastor John will take us through the Book of Philippians. This style of preaching is called Consecutive Expository Preaching. He will be in this series for about five months. If there is a book of the Bible you would like to suggest PJ preaches through in the future, please let him know.

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...

What Is Stewardship?

In biblical terms, Charles Bugg defines stewardship in the Holman Bible Dictionary as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Christian Stewardship regards the obligation of Christians in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts that God has given. The Christian steward is not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God but also the spiritual gifts that are given through the Holy Spirit. God wants human beings to be His stewards in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification.

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/stewards-in-the-bible-meaning-of-stewardship.html>

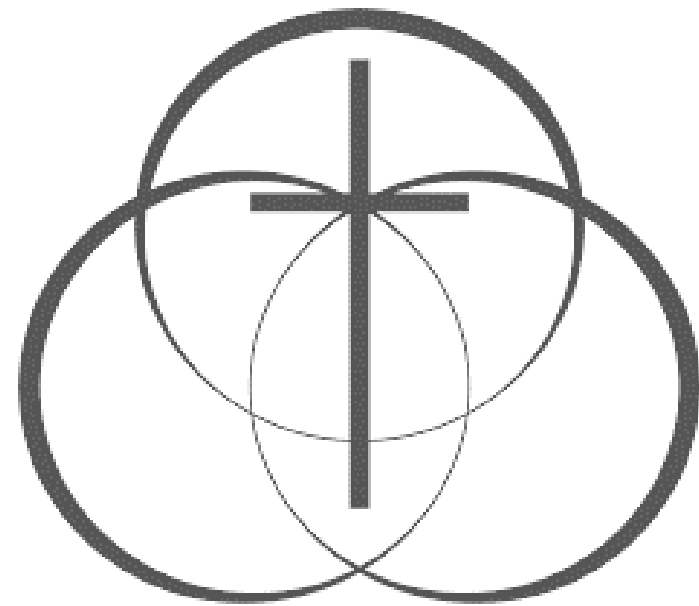
How can you give at Laurel Hill GMC?

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

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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

