

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent/February 18, 2024

Liturgist: Ed Johnson Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Ann Via
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Chris Shumaker & Thomas Gardner
Ushers: Kirby Miller & Dale Dixon

God's Promise 2U: Pastor John

Prelude: "Down at the Cross" Lani Smith O/P Duet Pam and Pam

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Ann Via

Welcome & Announcements: Rev. Ed Johnson

* Call to Worship: Rev. Ed Johnson

One: After he was baptized by John,
Jesus went by himself to the wilderness
where he was tempted. Forty days in the desert, Jesus
was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.

**All: Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent,
which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.
Let us worship God and walk the journey together,
seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

*Opening Hymn: "Standing on the Promises" (UMH 374)

Joys & Concerns/Praise Chorus: "Spirit of the Living God" (UMH 393)

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

Anthem: "In Jesus' Name" Randy Vader/Jay Rouse/Chancel Choir

Children's Message: Rev. Tom Austin

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Kirby Miler & Dale Dixon

*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

*Doxology - "My Tribute" (UMH 99)

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

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:9 Rev. John Bright

Series: "W. H. Y. of Prayer"

Sermon: "God Is Faithful" Rev. John Bright

Closing Hymn - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (UMH 140)

* Benediction: Rev. John Bright

* Postlude: "The Trumpet of Faith" Edward Wetherill

(*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.

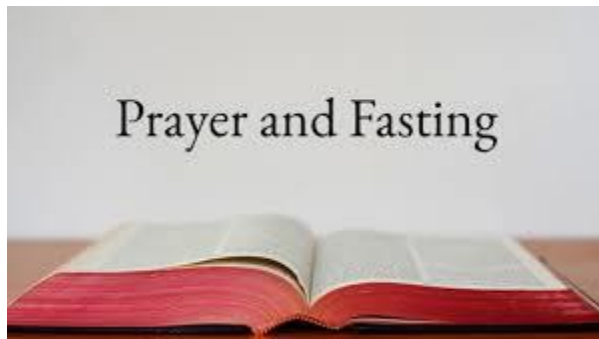
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PRAYER CARDS for your joys and concerns are in the pew racks and will be collected during the first hymn.

FISH will sponsor a Spaghetti Luncheon on Sunday, March 10th from 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Dine in our carry out. Advance tickets only...\$10. We will have tickets at the table as you enter church.

PRAYER AND FASTING – Please fill out the insert if you would like to learn more and/or join in a combined effort during Lent to lift up LHGMC. Pastor John will offer a 30 minute class on Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M in person and on zoom.



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)



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Bill Peel wrote an essay entitled “Leadership Is Stewardship.” He lays out four important principles about biblical stewardship we must understand:

1. The principle of ownership. (2/4/24) **2. The principle of responsibility.** (2/11/24) **3. The principle of accountability.** A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities, and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us. This is the maxim taught by the Parable of the Talents. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit.

Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority. We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to 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

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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

