

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday in Lent/February 25, 2024**

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Liturgist: Buddy Whitlow Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Jenny Nelson  
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Charles Clay & Barry Deal  
Ushers: Kirby Miller & Stuart Walton

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God's Promise 2U: Pastor John

Prelude: "It Is Well With My Soul" Sandra Eithun/ Handbell Choir

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Jenny Nelson

Welcome & Announcements: Buddy Whitlow

\* Call to Worship: Buddy Whitlow

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills— from where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God will not let our foot be moved; the One who keeps us will not slumber. The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

\*Opening Hymn: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (UMH 526)

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

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

Anthem: "This Is Love" Mary Jay Beall-Jack Schaefer/Chancel Choir

Children's Message: Nancy Henry

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Kirby Miler & Stuart Walton

\*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

\*Doxology – "My Tribute" (UMH 99)

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 121 Rev. John Bright

Series: "W. H. Y. of Prayer" (Who Helps You?)

Sermon: "Foxhole Prayers" Rev. John Bright

Closing Hymn – "Bind Us Together" (TFWS 2226)

\* Benediction: Rev. John Bright

\* Postlude: "Forward to Faith" David Paxton

(\*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, Billy Wendel and ML Yugas.

**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** – We will have a study on Prayer and Fasting beginning on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. It will be last for 30 minutes and be in person and on zoom. This will last for several weeks. Let our pastor know if you would like to learn more and/or join in a combined effort during Lent to lift up LHGMC.

**HELP NEEDED:** Children's Ministries is still looking for volunteers (men, women, and youth) to help with our Easter Event on March 23 from 10 to 12:00 noon. You may volunteer to help at the craft table, with games and the jump house. We would also like help with set-up and hiding eggs that morning, as well as, clean-up after the event. You may also start bringing candy and/or monetary donations next week. There will be a basket in the narthex for the candy, while monetary donations should be given to Dale Dixon. Please call or text Dale at 804-837-4562 if can help. There will be a volunteer meeting in early March (TBA). Thank you in advance for your service to our children!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

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.** (2/18/24) **4. The principle of reward.** In Colossians 3:23-24 Paul writes: *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."* In the Kingdom parables we see that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next. We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in Matthew 25:21: *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"*

As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

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.easytithes.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**

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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**

