

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Fourth Sunday in Lent/March 10, 2024

---

Liturgist: Bud Funk      Organist: Pam Wilson      Acolyte: Ann Via  
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Charles Clay & Barry Deal  
Ushers: Stuart Walton & Sheryl Bankston

---

God's Promise 2U: Pastor John

Prelude: "Nettleton" Lani Smith

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Ann Via

Welcome & Announcements: Bud Funk

Call to Worship: Bud Funk

One: God, who has called you into the Kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ, is faithful. He is a faithful Lord, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

His faithfulness reaches to the skies and continues throughout all generations on into eternity.

**All: We praise the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ in this assembly, saying "Great is your faithfulness! We will exalt and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things. Great is your faithfulness to us, O Lord, our God."**

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

\*Opening Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (UMH 295)

Joys and Concerns: Rev. John Bright

Praise Chorus: "Spirit of the Living God" (UMH 393) Sing twice.

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

Anthem: "He Didn't Have to Come" Bruce Ballinger

Children's Message: Nancy Henry

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Stuart Walton & Sheryl Bankston

\*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

\*Doxology – "My Tribute" (UMH 99)

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

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:9-14 Rev. John Bright

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

Sermon: "Prayer Changes Your Outside" Rev. John Bright

Closing Hymn – "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (UMH 297)

\* **Benediction: Rev. John Bright**

\* **Postlude: "Olivet" Gordon Young**

(\*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 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. Please fill out a visitors card and place it in the offering plate.

**THE LADIES OF LAUREL HILL** will meet on Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. to travel to have lunch with Muriel and Dot at O'Toole's in Midlothian. Hope you can join us!

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

**OUR EASTER EVENT** is March 23 from 10 to 12:00 noon. You may also start bringing candy and/or monetary donations. 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 you will help. There will be meeting for all Easter Event volunteers on Wednesday, March 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the back room of the fellowship hall. We will discuss the schedule, volunteer assignments and responsibilities, etc. Please contact Dale (804-7376846) if you are unable to come. Thank you in advance for your service to our children!

**TODAY** the Flower Calendar is in the hallway to the sanctuary to help you sign-up for dedications.

**ON EASTER MORNING** following Sunrise Service, we will have breakfast. If you can bring an egg casserole, fruit platter, biscuits (ham), donuts or any type of breakfast food, please call Linda and John Turner and let them know. Thank you for helping with this special meal to bless us all!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday** 10:00 AM New Life House Church (804-303-4828)  
7:00 PM Bible Study (On Line-In Person)

**Tuesday:** 10:30 AM Ladies of Laurel Hill/Lunch at O'Toole's

**Wednesday** 9:00 AM Prayer in Sanctuary with Holy Communion  
10:30 AM Bible Study  
6:00 PM Prayer and Fasting 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...

Bill Cox has spent over 35 years as an entrepreneur and business owner. He shares “Seven Financial Stewardship Principles for Churches”:

**2. Visions Need Resources** - Bill Hybels, Senior Pastor of Willow Creek Church in Chicago, tells an interesting story in his book, *Courageous Leadership*, of how his church struggled financially in its early years. Even though it was growing successfully, money was not keeping up with growth. After carrying this burden alone for some time, Hybels finally decided he could not take it anymore and announced the same to his congregation. Their response was, “Why didn’t you tell us?” That was the end of the church’s financial struggles. Churches need money for growth. Ministries spiritually spin their wheels because of poor stewardship of money that handicaps their potential.

Because their strengths lie elsewhere, many ministry leaders feel that it saps their creativity to have to deal with financial matters. Just remember, the visionary team of a ministry cannot ignore the financial aspects of their organization. However ministry finances are managed, the final decisions have to come from the visionaries.

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**

1919 New Market Rd on Highway 5 in Varina  
Henrico, Va. 23231

Website: [laurelhillchurch.org/](http://laurelhillchurch.org/) E-mail: [laurelhillchurch.varina@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhillchurch.varina@gmail.com)  
Church: (804) 795-2772 - Pastor’s Cell: (804) 437-0937

### 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**

