

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *Sheep My Safely Graze—Bach* Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Benny Gibson, Liturgist
L: Jesus said, "In this life we shall have trouble, but take heart for I have overcome the world."
P: We take heart in you Jesus.
L: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
P: We rest our minds and burdens upon you, Jesus.
L: Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."
P: We build our lives upon your Word, Jesus.
L: Let us be wise, O Lord.
P: Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 133

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller
(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 3:1-14 Old Testament pg. 553

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Wise: A Tale of Two Cities* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *Savior, Lead Us—Wood*

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ANTHEM *Be Still, My Soul—Williams* Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Cares Chorus* TFWS No. 2215
I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *Trust and Obey* No. 467

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As We Go*
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Benny Gibson

Greeters: Terry Moran and Cindy Smith

Acolyte: Mike Meeks

Ushers: Jim and Martha Anderson

Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson

Nursery: Mittie Hambrick

Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Serving Next Week (October 30):

Liturgist: Greg Dunlap

Greeter: Kevin Clements

Acolyte: Jovie Angle

Ushers: Sammy and Cindy St. Clair

Children's Church: Josh Quinn

Nursery: Martha Sue Gibson

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Don Angle; Vanessa Carter; Jack Dillon; Robin Cooper; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Today, October 23** 5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting
- **Monday, October 24** 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, October 25** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
7:00 p.m., Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, October 26** 5:00-6:30 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, October 27** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, October 30** 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- **Monday, October 31** 6:00 p.m., Trunk-or-Treat
- **Sunday, November 6** **Don't forget to "fall back!" Daylight Saving Time Ends.**
- **Monday, November 7** 11:00 a.m., United Women in Faith Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Youth, tonight's youth group will be something of a mishmash. We'll be running through an obstacle course, making a craft that will bedeck the youth room, going on a field trip, and looking ahead to hosting the Trunk or Treat.

The Franklin County Office of Aging is sponsoring a Senior Expo Thursday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Essig Recreation Center. The event is free and will have over fifty vendors addressing the needs of seniors. There will be a food truck, live music and demonstrations of yoga, line dancing, tai chi and pickleball. Come and join us for information and fun.

Trunk-or-Treat is October 31. All are invited for a night of fun from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If you have a car that you can decorate and hand out candy from, even better! Park by 5:45 p.m. in the parking lot. Parking attendants will be present to assist you.

All Saints Sunday is November 6. We remember those that have died in the last year and have received their heavenly reward. To honor your loved one or friend who were not members of Rocky Mount UMC, please email the church office (admin@rm-umc.org) by Wednesday, November 2 to include their name in our remembrance celebration.

We are collecting macaroni and cheese for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

The November/December edition of the *Upper Room* is available on the rack in the narthex.

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