

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 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	<i>Prelude in G minor—Bach</i>	Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY		

GREETING

- *CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Dunlap, Liturgist
- L: Lord we come together, restless in our pews. Our ears tuned to listen to sirens, to cars that pass.
- P: We wonder what tragedies are occurring, what errands are being run.**
- L: We ponder our own errands scheduled for later this day.
- P: Our thoughts drift to the days of our lives, so many and so few.**
- L: We think about where we are going, what our lives hold.
- P: We think about what we have done, the chapters of our own story.**
- L: We ponder our successes. We ponder our failures.
- P: Lord, we offer all of this to you, our restlessness, our regrets, our hopes, and our devotion. Mold us, your imperfect clay, into your perfect church. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN TFWS No. 2233

Where Children Belong

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 Old Testament pg. 583

Ecclesiastes 6

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Waller

A Spooky Sermon

OFFERTORY Toccata in D minor—Bach

(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 Chancel Choir

To Everything There Is a Season

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER TFWS No. 2215

Cares Chorus

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 No. 377

It Is Well with My Soul (vs. 1-3)

*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

*The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Peggy Santrock
to the Glory of God and in honor of all her church friends.*

Serving Today:

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

Serving Next Week (November 6):

Liturgist: Bill Cooper
Greeters: Bobby and Glenda Thompson
Acolytes: P. D. and Mittie Hambrick
Usher: Benny Gibson
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Avery Tosh
Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Prayer Concerns:

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine;
Don Angle; 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); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and the Family of Vanessa Carter
who passed away on October 23.**

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:

- **Monday, October 31** **6:00 p.m.**, Trunk-or-Treat
 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts

- **Tuesday, November 1** **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study
 7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers

- **Wednesday, November 2** **5:00-6:30 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday
 7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- **Thursday, November 3** **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts

- **Next Sunday, Nov. 6** **Don't forget to "fall back!" Daylight Saving Time Ends.**
 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
 10:55 a.m., Worship-All Saints Sunday

- **Monday, November 7** **11:00 a.m.**, United Women in Faith Meeting

- **Sunday, November 13** **8:45 a.m.**, United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

- **Monday, November 14** **December/January Newsletter Deadline**

- **Sunday, November 20** **Following worship**, Thanksgiving Meal

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Reminder: please tear the pew pad attendance sheet and place it in the offering plate during the service. This enables us to know who was here.

Tomorrow is our Trunk-or-Treat. All are welcome. We continue to look for people to decorate the back of their car and distribute candy to our costumed neighbors. Please be at the back parking lot by 5:45 p.m. to claim your spot.

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.

Next week, our Communion offering will go towards the Archives Room update. As you may be aware, a portion of the Archives Room ceiling fell to the floor and needs repair. Also, repainting needs to be done throughout this room. Estimates are that this work will be a couple thousand dollars. If we all chip in, we believe this work will be done!

(over)

On November 27, you will have the opportunity to select an "Advent Friend." If you know of someone who would appreciate the special care of this ministry, please notify the church office by Sunday, November 13. Thank you.

During the worship service on Sunday, November 13 you will be invited to come forward to choose items that fulfill our church's commitment to providing Thanksgiving meals for seven households in the Rocky Mount area. You may choose as few or as many items as you would like from the board at the front of the sanctuary. Please purchase exactly what is on the tag(s) you chose. All items need to be brought back to the church and put in the decorated boxes in the Atrium by Tuesday, November 22. Please don't bring items that need refrigeration until after Sunday, November 20 as the Family Ministries Committee will need all the refrigerator and kitchen space for the churchwide Thanksgiving meal on that Sunday. Please be sure to attach the tags you are taking to the items you purchase. Any freezer or refrigerated items can be put in one of the refrigerators in the downstairs kitchen after Sunday, November 20. We must have everything back to the church by Tuesday, November 22 so that all items can be delivered in a timely manner. Contact Linda Walters (757-635-0109 or lindaw@shentel.net) with questions or for more information.

Financial records for the year are available outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, you can contact Bill Cooper at bcooper@cooperclassics.com.

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.