

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023 – 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 *Faithfulness—Arison* Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Becky Newbill, Liturgist
L: Heavenly Father, we hear in your Word that we are to grow in the knowledge of You.
P: Deepen our understanding this day.
L: We learn in the Bible that we are to draw near to you,
P: Draw near to us this day.
L: God, as we worship in this hour, enable us to push aside the distractions and through song and service, prayer and praise, may we hear Your will for our lives.
P: May it be so, Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 577

***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 Colossians 1:9-14 New Testament pg.188

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

SERMON *Why Can't I See God's Will for My Life?* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name—Arison*

***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 *I Believe, Help My Unbelief—Larson* Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *All I Need is You* TFWS No. 2080
All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need. All I need is 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** *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

***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 altar flowers are given by Tammy Burdick to the Glory of God and in honor and celebration of Noah's 16th birthday. And gratitude to our church family who have loved and nurtured him as he has grown into a faithful young man.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Becky Newbill
Greeter: Mittie Hambrick
Acolyte: Rowan Eitner
Usher: P. D. Hambrick
Children's Church: Mittie Hambrick
Nursery: Ina Clements
Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Serving Next Week (October 29):

Liturgist: Ina Clements
Greeter: Martha Sue Gibson
Acolyte: Silas Gibson
Usher: Benny Gibson
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Jane Roseberry
Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

Elementary Small Group at 10:00 a.m. (October 29)

Callie Angle

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Israel; People of Ukraine; Ronnie Breedlove; Abraham Tosh; Willie Denny; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Rodney Cundiff; Bob Huffman; Debbie Caulder; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Jennifer Cooper; Ann Chapman (Bob Chapman); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Tina Funk (Lindsey McDaniel); Carol Vaughn (Lisa Angle); Linda Wimmer (Crystal Minnix); Hannah Bittner (Cassandra Bittner); and Ann Coffey and Family in the death of her brother-in-law, UK Custred, on October 15.

Forget-Me-Nots:

Kathleen Higgins, Peggy Santrock, Peggy McAndrew

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

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Sunday, October 22** 5:00 p.m., Youth/Parent Meeting
- **Monday, October 23** 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, October 24** **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 25** 5:00-6:30 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, October 26** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, October 29** 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- **Wednesday, November 1** 6:00 p.m., Trunk-or-Treat
- **Sunday, November 5** **Don't forget to "fall back!" Daylight Saving Time Ends.**
- **Monday, November 6** 11:00 a.m., United Women in Faith Meeting
- **Sunday, November 12** 8:45 a.m., United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

We are embarking on a 3-day, church-wide Bible reading study. To participate, download the YouVersion Bible App and search for Rocky Mount UMC. The study begins on October 30. Use the QR code to find the Bible app in your App Store or Google Play on your smartphone.



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Trunk-or-Treat is November 1. All are invited for a night of fun from 6:00-6:30 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 5. 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 1 to include their name in our remembrance celebration.

You can make a monetary donation of any amount to the Helping Fund in memory or in honor of a family member or friend for Christmas by November 20. Please fill out the enclosed order form and drop it in the offering plate.

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

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