

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

Jeanne Banks, Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tammy Burdick, Lay Leader

CHIMING THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Unending Praise—Helman

Jubilant Ringers

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ina Clements, Liturgist

L: We are all called to go and share Christ's love with the world.

P: We gather to grow deeper in faith.

L: We learn to recognize grace everywhere, in every life.

P: We wait for God's saving love.

L: We remember our purpose through the means of grace.

P: God's love is remaking the world!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

O How I Love Jesus

No. 170

***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 worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rebecca Dillon

(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

TESTIMONIES OF LAITY SERVICE

RECOGNITION OF JACK WATTS

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 45:7-9 (OT pg. 634); 1 John 4:9-19 (NT pg. 226)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Why Should I Trust God?

Ms. Burdick

OFFERTORY

Tocatta in D Minor (for Katie)—Bach

***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

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Phyllis Lavinder, Soloist/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**

Trust and Obey (vs.1-3)

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**

Ms. Burdick

***POSTLUDE**

Mrs. Meeks

The altar flowers are given by Peggy Santrock to the Glory of God.

Serving Today:

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

Serving Next Week (November 5):

Liturgist: Brandi Altice
Greeters: Martha Sue Gibson, Isaac Gibson
Acolytes: Bella Godfrey, Berklie Perdue
Usher: Bill Cooper
Children's Church: Callie Angle
Nursery: Peggy Hodges
Counters: Cindy Smith, Glenda Thompson

Elementary Small Group at 10:00 a.m. (November 5)

Heather Quinn

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; Richard Shoemaker (Jennie Ardis); 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 Bob Chapman and Family in the death of his stepmother, Ann Chapman, on October 19.

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:

- **Monday, October 30** 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, October 31** 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m., No Bells
- **Wednesday, November 1** 5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
6:00 p.m., Trunk-or-Treat
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, November 2** 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, Nov. 5** Don't forget to "fall back!" Daylight Saving Time Ends.
10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- **Monday, November 6** 11:00 a.m., United Women in Faith Meeting
- **Sunday, November 12** 8:45 a.m., United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
- **Monday, November 13** December/January Newsletter Deadline
- **Sunday, November 19** Following worship, Thanksgiving Meal

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 will be held Wednesday, November 1 in the church parking lot. Please bring your car filled with goodies to give out and be ready by 5:45 p.m. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and concludes by 6:30 p.m. It's easy, fun, and you get to provide a welcoming presence to all who attend.

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. The names will be listed in the bulletin on December 10. Please fill out the enclosed order form and drop it in the offering plate.

On December 3, 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 19. Thank you.

A member of the church, Harmon English, will be recognized as the next Eagle Scout here. You're welcome to attend his Court of Honor ceremony and reception at 3:00 p.m. on November 19.

Hermitage Roanoke will be celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2024 for providing excellent care for the senior citizens in our communities. To mark this milestone, the Hermitage Guild is selling bricks in honor or remembrance to be placed in the new Hermitage Roanoke Reflection Garden. In its center will be a 3-tiered fountain and benches nestled under shade trees near the estate entrance. Consider honoring friends and loved ones by purchasing a brick at \$100 each for the Reflection Garden. Forms are available in the church office or from Judy Anderson.

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!

Pastor Will is on vacation and out of the state through November 1. Rev. Jae Song will be on-call for any pastoral emergencies. The phone number to reach him is 404-692-9879.