

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a **woman** who
fears the LORD is
to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

“A Perfect Example”

September 22, 2024

Proverbs 31:10-31; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

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Prelude

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

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Welcome & Announcements

Good Morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshipping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at tappmethodist@gmail.com, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“I Surrender All” (verses 1,2,5)

UMH #354

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
2. All to Jesus, I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
5. All to Jesus, I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name!
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

* Call to Worship

Happy are those who follow paths of righteousness.

We take delight in the wisdom of God.

Happy are those who reach out to those in need.

We find delight in the love of God.

Happy are those who set aside envy.

We draw delight in the selflessness of God.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Stream of Righteousness—
as we embrace the dawn of this week
and the reemergence of hope in our lives,
we sing your praises.

As we face the journey before us,
we seek your wisdom and your strength.

Erase the envy from our minds
and the biases from our hearts,
as we enter this space.

Fill our lies with the refreshing brooks
of your peace. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

**Divine Source of Understanding,
discord rages in the airwaves around us,
leading us to challenge your holy wisdom.**

**Confusion swirls within our daily lives,
contributing to the discord in our world.**

**Our selfish desires consume our attention,
blocking your voice and the needs of others
from our view.**

**May your peace still the whirlwind within our minds
and help us hear your holy wisdom
as we walk our journey of faith.**

**And may kindness spring forth from our tongues,
each and every day. Amen.**

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The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Proverbs 31:10-31

pg. 613

¹⁰*A capable wife who can find?*

She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹*The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.*

¹²*She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.*

¹³*She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.*

¹⁴*She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.*

¹⁵*She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.*

¹⁶*She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.*

¹⁷*She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.*

¹⁸*She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.*

¹⁹*She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.*

²⁰*She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.*

²¹*She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.*

²²*She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.*

²³*Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.*

²⁴*She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.*

²⁵*Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.*

²⁶*She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

²⁷*She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

²⁸*Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:*

²⁹*“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”*

³⁰*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

³¹*Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,*

and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Scripture

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

pg. 230

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Jesus Loves Me”

Choir & Children

*** Psalter**

Psalm 1

UMH #738

Response 2: Like a tree that’s planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

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Blessed are those

who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

or stand in the way of sinners,

or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on God’s law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees

planted by streams of water

that yield their fruit in season,

and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

R

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in judgment;

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

But the way of the wicked will perish.

R

*** The Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*** Gospel**

Mark 9:30-37

pg. 45

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayer before the Sermon

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight,
O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

The Sermon

"A Perfect Example"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

TFWS #2158

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, Dear Lord, none but thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Affirmation of Faith

UMH # 884

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.
We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.
We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**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.**

The Offering

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website www.tappahannockmethodist.org, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory***“To God Be The Glory”***

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*** Doxology****UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn*****“Are Ye Able”*****UMH #530**

1. “Are ye able,” said the Master, “to be crucified with me?”
“yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “to the death we follow thee.”
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God?
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

4. Are you able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

*** Benediction*****“Three Fold Amen”*****UMH #898**

Amen, amen, amen.

*** Postlude*****“This Is The Day”***

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

The family of Clark Anderson, Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, Sally Conway, George Croxton, Cookie Evans, Tinker Fornash, Oliver Gillies-Gage, Betty Gregory, Roxanne Griffith, George Grubbs, Bill Hendricks, the family of Barbara Hinton, Cindy Huber, Becky Hundley, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, Jacob Magruder, Tawana Murry, Gerry Rose, Leslie Shaver, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Rev. John Tate, the family of Donna Rae Thrift, Nancy Tiller, Allen Turner, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, Betty Whitten, Lewis Wilkins. Inclusion & equality for the LGBTQ family & friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, those in peril, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer, Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish and Jean Rhines.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, September 22nd:	10:00 AM	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, September 25 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, September 29 th :	10:00 AM	Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Church Picnic

All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.

We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture and support one another through service and outreach.

Our facility is handicap accessible.

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm