

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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*“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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

“Homecoming”

October 29, 2023

Genesis 18:10-22; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 14:1-4, 23-24

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Prelude

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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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

“Thy Word”

UMH# 601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

2. Now I will not forget your life for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering;
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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* Call to Worship:

Welcome home, people of God.

We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.

Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God's house.

We have come to be nourished by God's word.

We are God's own people, and are precious in God's sight.

We have come to give thanks for God's faithful love.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We are here today O God, our guide and guardian, remembering those who have nurtured us, protected us, and helped us grow. We give you thanks for homes that accept us and affirm us as your precious children. In the shelter of your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build us into spiritual home where all are welcome. In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone, we pray, Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have told us what to do. But this love thing is hard. You've invited us to love you with everything we have; instead we have fallen in love with our jobs, houses, and electronic toys. Loving you intimately is scary, and we often opt for another way. You've invited us to live in loving relationship with everyone we encounter, but there are folk who are downright hard to love. We confess our inability to love as we should. We need your forgiveness and help living out this love thing. Free us to love as you do. Amen.

Prayer of confession written by *Lillian C. Smith, The Africana Worship Book, Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 150*. Used by permission.

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children's Time

Anthem

"Big House"

Fishin Fun Kids

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Scriptures

Genesis 28:10-22

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¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway^[b] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him^[c] and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east

and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^[d] in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel,^[e] but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

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¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,^[b] so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.^[c] ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.^[d] ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri

*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

John 14:1-4, 23-24

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“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c]

²³ Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

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May the Lord add his blessing to this, the reading of his Holy Word.

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

“Homecoming”

Jim Glass – Lay Servant

*** Hymn of Response**

“The Family Prayer Song”

TFWS # 2188

**1. Come and fill our homes with your presence;
you alone are worthy of your reverence.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
We will serve the Lord.**

**2. Lord we vow to love holy,
bowing our knees to you only.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
We will serve the Lord.**

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*** Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles’ Creed

UMH #

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Silent Prayer

Congregational 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.**

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

"You Are My All in All"

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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

"Do Lord, Remember Me"

UMH # 527

1. Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;
do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;
do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me; singing
do, Lord, remember me.

2. I took Jesus as my savior, do, Lord, remember me.
I took Jesus as my savior, do, Lord, remember me.
I took Jesus as my savior, do, Lord, remember me; singing
do, Lord, remember me.
3. When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me.
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me.
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me; singing
do, Lord, remember me.
4. When I am dying, do, Lord, remember me.
When I am dying, do, Lord, remember me.
When I am dying, do, Lord, remember me; singing
do, Lord, remember me.
5. I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun.
I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun.
I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun; singing
do, Lord, remember me.

"Do Lord, Remember Me" United Methodist Publishing House

* **Blessing of the Food**

Lord, Thank you for family and friends, Thank you for times like these where we can gather together, Share in food, drink and relax. Please bless this meal, and all that it means. May the food nourish us, And the fellowship enrich our lives. Most of all, may we always invite you into our homes, And into our hearts. Amen.

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* **Benediction**

Go forth today as a people who bear the fruit of the kingdom that in living a life patterned after God's grace, you may share the hope, joy, and love you receive from God with your neighbors wherever you go. Amen.

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* **Postlude**

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, Patty Black, Eddie Bliss, Lois Bonhouse, Royce Burrus, Woody Campbell, Roxanne Griffith, Susie Hardwick, Maurice Hawa, Madeline Hawkins, the family of Jessica Hayes, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, Ray Massie, Nate Parker, the family of Eleanor Rehm, Mary Lou Simpson, the family of Bishop Thomas Stockton, and Betty Whitten. 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, and Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the separation and as the church moves forward.

MILITARY: SSGT Jonathan Simpson. SA Ethan Minor while at Navy Advanced Schooling.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and 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:	10:00 AM	22nd Sunday After Pentecost Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Potluck Luncheon
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Saturday:	1:00 PM	Charge Conference
Sunday, November 5th	10:00 AM	All Saints Sunday

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.

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: (757) 870-8265

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