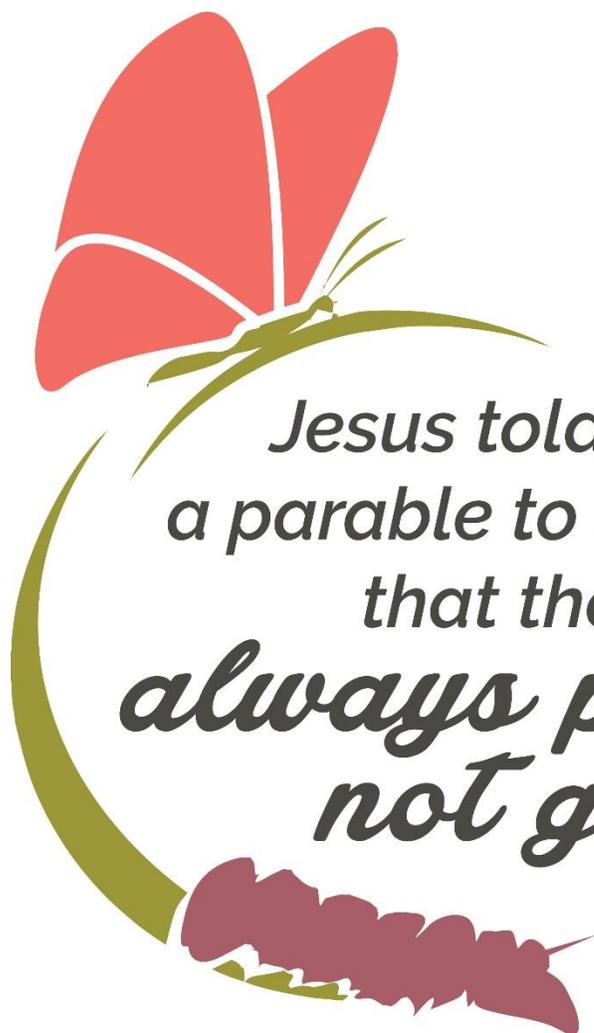


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*Jesus told his disciples
a parable to show them
that they should
always pray and
not give up.*

Luke 18:1, 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.”*

19th Sunday After Pentecost

“Be Persistent”

October 16, 2022

Jeremiah 31:27-34; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Psalm 119:97-104; Luke 18:1-8

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Prelude

“Down to the River to Pray with Lord, Listen to Your Children”

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Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

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

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UMH # 352

Refrain:

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

1. Not my brother, not my sister,
but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister,
but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. **{R}**

2. Not the preacher, not the deacon,
but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not the preacher, not the deacon,
but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. **{R}**

3. Not my father, not my mother,
but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my father, not my mother,
but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. **{R}**

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* Call to Worship

Called by God to be the people of prayer,
we are the people of prayer.

Come, let us worship and pray together.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship this day, that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, when our prayers are absent, speak to us and return our attention to you. When our prayers and attitudes are self-serving, humble us and bring us back to compassionate and caring ways. God of faith and God of glory, give us confidence when our faith falters. Empower us with your Spirit, that we may pray with confidence and faith, and with tenacity and courage, all the days of our lives. 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

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.

Children's Time

The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

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²⁷The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." ³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house

of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

pg. 213

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Everlasting God"

TMUMC Choir

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*** Psalter**

Psalms 119:97-104

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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*** 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**

Luke 18:1-8

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18Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that

she may not wear me out by continually coming.’”⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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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

“Be Persistent”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Lord, Speak to Me”

UMH #463

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

2. O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

UMH # 883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God:

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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 and Russia; natural disasters; 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. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

Special Offering: Cambodia Street Ministry

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 app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“God Will Take Care of You”

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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

“We Are the Church”

UMH # 558; v. 1 & 2

Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people. **{R}**

2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places. **{R}**

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* Benediction

* Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Ronnie Harvey, Josh Hodges, Rev. Steve Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, Jean Johnson, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, Ethel Lewis, Jacob McGuckin, Monica Newsham, the family of Judy (Farmer) Preston, Steve Short, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, and Jackson Titmus. 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 throughout Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the upcoming separation and as the church moves forward.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

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

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

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today:	10:00 am	19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/ TMUMC Choir Special Offering: Cambodia Street Ministry
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only
	11:15 am	Fishin' Fun Club Final Readiness Meeting
Monday:	7:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting
Tuesday:	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal: In-person only
Wednesday:	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Group & Bag Lunch



Fall Edition

Saturday, Oct 22:	10 am - 3 pm	Fishin' Fun Club Fall Edition
Sunday, Oct 23:	9:00 am	RockFish Band Rehearsal
	9 am – 11 am	Fishin' Fun Club Fall Edition
	10:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service featuring: Participants from the FFC Fall Edition & TMUMC's RockFish Band
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only

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

Thank you for being in worship with us today.

*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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Co-Music Directors: Rob & Kelly Wright

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