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.**

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking Bread

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **88** *“Maker, in Whom We Live”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*

**For the Grocery Cart:**

**November ~** Canned vegetables, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, rice, cranberry sauce, and any other side dish to make a great holiday meal. Place donations in the grocery cart, located in the Commons.



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10:30 a.m. ~ November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Ten bridesmaids waited for the time

**the party would begin,**

They took their lamps to meet the groom,

**for they expected him.**

The wise ones went outside to wait,

**with oil and some to spare,**

They found the groom had been delayed

**while he was traveling there.**

The foolish bridesmaids waited, too,

**with lamps that lost their light.**

For, unprepared, they'd left their fuel

**back at the house that night.**

The bridegroom came with festive shout;

**the party soon began.**

The fools had lamps that soon went out;

**the wise had lights at hand.**

O Lord, remind us that your Day

**will come with great surprise.**

So may we faithfully obey

**as people who are wise.**

For deeds of justice, words of prayer

**and acts of kindness, too,**

Are ways we daily can prepare

**as we wait here for you.** *(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 20th century)*

\*Singing Our Faith **# 92** (vs. 1-4) *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Anthem *“Great is the Lord Medley”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:1-13

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 189** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

The Good News ***“Bridesmaids”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 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.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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| Thursday, 11/16 | 6:00 p.m. | *Advent Study* |
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