**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 5, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude, Op. 50, no. 5* Foote (1853-1937)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *What Does the Lord Require* Routley (1917-1982)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessing and glory and wisdom;

**People: Thanksgiving and honor, power and might; be to our God forever!**

Leader: I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**People: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Leader: Let us Worship God.

# MORNING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN 351**  *All Who Love and Serve Your City* Charlestown

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of power, we pray for your compassion, for we know before you, no one can stand. In our daily living, we lay heavy burdens on others, but are unwilling to share the load. Called to humble service, we seek to enforce our way onto others. While your son was a servant to all, we seek to be to be lifted up as leaders. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Grant us humble, thankful hearts to love and serve, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 43 p. 448

**ANTHEM** *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether* Friedell (1905-1958)

(text can be found in hymn 529)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 23:1-12 p.804

**SERMON** *The Negative Example* Patrick Pettit, Interim Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal p. 35

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Invitation*

*Great Thanksgiving*

*Communion of the People*

**\*CLOSING HYMN 839** *Blessed Assurance* Assurance

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude in C* Foote

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

Link for this week’s service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roat4N0eXK4>

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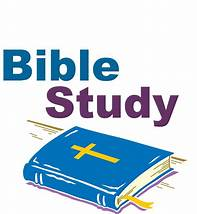
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Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner & Linda Sandquist, Cathy Cunningham

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements (Colleen Cash). Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander (Holly Bennett), Marty Rogers (sister of Cathy Cunningham), Betsy Boswell (Curry)

Military: Carson Craig

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**Better Together Bible Study**

Will be held Monday, November 6, at Smyrna Presbyterian Church from 1pm-2pm.

John Tindall, DCE at Westminster PC, will lead the exploration of the great stories and themes of the Bible. Make plans to attend! Class is open to all! Come regularly or when you can!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA**

*A community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God’s grace.*

**November 5, 2023 11:00 AM**

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