

## Upcoming Events and Information

**Sun Oct 8:** Cluster Charge Conference @ Culpeper UMC 4PM

**Wed Oct 11:** Women's Zoom Study 6:30 PM

**Sun Oct 15:** Sperryville Acts Bible Study 10 AM

**Sat Oct 28:** "Trunk or Treat" Flint Hill 6-7:30PM

**Sun Oct 29:** Rockingham Male Chorus (RMC)

**8:45am** Willis Chapel Worship RMC

**10:00am** Flint Hill Worship RMC

**11:30am** Sperryville Worship RMC

**1:00pm** Willis Chapel Potluck

**2:30pm** Willis Chapel Community Concert RMC

**5:00pm** Washington Baptist Community Concert RMC

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**FLINT HILL:** 1 Candy Lamma, 23 Mary Frances Bywaters,  
25 Roger Dodson

**SPERRYVILLE:** 13 Tom Woods, 17 Polly Aylor,  
23 Evan Woods

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** 2 Kendra Hahn, 8 Huntly Hahn,  
11 Gracie Doane, 27 Ben Hahn, 28 Bonnie Hahn,  
31 Ruth Daily

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Rappahannock  
United Methodist Charge



## 19th Sunday After Pentecost October 8, 2023

**Sunday Morning Worship**

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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# **RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE**

**19th Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 8, 2023**

**\*Standing (either literally or in spirit remaining seated)**

## **PRELUDE**

## **ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ the cornerstone welcomes us to this house of God.

**May our minds perceive God's word.**

May we feel the presence of God in this place.

**May our hearts receive God's love.**

May God's Spirit bless us with wisdom and faith.

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, shine upon us with the wisdom of ancient words. Enlighten our minds, that we may perceive your presence. Strengthen our resolve that we may press toward growth in love and faith. Help us grow closer to your likeness each and every day. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN 77 How Great Thou Art**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace and God of glory, bless us with your mercy and your steadfast love. When we pursue pointless gains and embark on dead-end journeys, guide us back to your ways. When we reject your teaching, or, even worse, reject your presence, love us and correct our ways. Forgive us and welcome us home into the arms of your grace and love. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God's love is strong enough to overcome our weaknesses.

## **HYMN 545 The Church's One Foundation**

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

May the words of our mouths be acceptable to God and be blessings to the world. May the meditations our hearts, and the reflections of our minds, bring us closer to God and to God's love. May the beauty of God's creation bring us closer to God's teachings and to a knowledge of how to love God's world.

**SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

**PSALTER: Psalm 19 P750-751**

**SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:7-16**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:33-46**

**SERMON "The Triumphant Entry... Then Day 2"**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

O God, our rock and our redeemer, be our strong foundation, even when we are unsteady. Be our guiding light, even when we wander in darkness. Be our steadfast faithfulness, even when our faith falters. Be our inspiration and grow us closer to you, closer to love, and closer to your creation. Amen.

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN 368 My Hope Is Built**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Share hope... Share love... Share Christ... Everywhere you go...

**\*HYMN 666 Shalom to You**