



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J.

David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the Living God (Hymn No. 288)

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

People: We are ready and waiting.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

People: We yearn for your presence and power.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

People: Bring your gifts and your wisdom.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

*INVOCATION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING LOVE

CHORAL HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (Hymn No. 280)

Laurel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, we do not often listen for your Spirit. We turn away from your guidance and your inspiration, failing to consult you. The whispers and the holy nudgings do not penetrate the noise of our daily lives. We silence the wisdom available to us through your Spirit of Truth. Open our lives to your holy whispers and nudgings that our very lives may testify to the flow of your love, for we pray all of these things in the name of our Ascended One, who is, and was, and always will be, our Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news: We are created in the very image and likeness of God and because we are, we can always begin again and again, to claim the love that claims us in Christ.

Friends, believe this good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (vs. 3)

Laurel Choir

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-4, 14-22 (NRSV)

SERMON

"The Spirit: NOT Lost in Translation"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come Down, Lord

Laurel Choir

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed (Modern Version)

Michael Henderson

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Breathe On Me, Breath Of God (Hymn No. 286)

Laurel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL HYMN

We Are One In The Spirit (Hymn No. 300)

Laurel Choir

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

***The Asterisk is Back!:** Please feel free to stand (or not) at these junctures in our worship service.

Passing of the Peace: You are invited to greet each other with air hugs, waves and elbow bumps.

Invitation to Move: You are invited to stand, stretch and move about during our worship service. The restrooms are just down the hall. Your comfort is most important to us, so please always know that you are welcome to move as you need.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Michelle and Rob McBane to the glory of God in honor of their talented, smart, loving and beautiful daughter, Shelby, who you gave us, 24 years on May 20th. We are truly blessed!

Lay Reader: Thank you to Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgist today.

Pentecost Sunday: We are celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit this day, and the birthday of the church, to empower us to be the church to make God's love known.

Bulletin Announcements Best Guide: Please use this as your church event planner for our life together. Sometimes the schedule needs to shift from what is posted in our newsletter.

Processing our Pandemic Life: Wednesday May 26th, at 2:30 pm, in our church parking lot. We will unpack pandemic living and all that this past year has cost us in order to keep one foot in front of the other. Come with your stories to share about how we might re-enter leaving behind the notion that we are a danger to each other.

Fireside Happy Hour (FHH): Is scheduled for Thursday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th, at 5 pm. Bring your favorite libation, beach chair, nibbles and stories as we kick off this long weekend in our parking lot.

Sunday School: We are in the process of re-thinking our SS location and time. If you have thoughts about this, please reach out to Michael Henderson, our Worship and Education Team Co-Chair.

Session Meeting Today: Session will meet by Zoom at 12:30 pm.

Worship Production Team (WPT): A special thank you to Duane Berger, Rudy van't Riet, Ann Whitby and Steve Searce for recording and producing our worship services.

Pentecost Spirit: Thank you to our Worship and Education Team for the festive presentation of the Holy Spirit landing this day! You quickened our hearts and enlivened our spirits! If you're wearing RED, you have spirit!

Post-Pandemic Re-Entry Hospitality: We are awkwardly finding our way back to normal after 16-months of living the secluded life where we have had to be extremely cautious to protect ourselves from each other in order to protect ourselves from the virus. As we re-enter the social arena again, let us greet each other with hearty hellos, smiling eyes and Laurel Love. Let our joy resonate through our warmth and our loving greeting of one another.

Come Back When You're Ready: Please know that we love you and want you to make attendance choices that reflect what is best for your well-being. We understand if you still prefer to stay at home. We are a judgement-free zone :)

Friday, New Dedicated Day Off: Rev. Ann will be taking off Fridays and one other day during the seven day week that will flex depending on the needs of our congregation for the week.

LIVE from Laurel Pres! You can now connect to us at our regular worship time and worship along with your Laurel family. Just go to our website, click Services, and this will bring you to our YouTube page. The service should play automatically.

Our Choir rehearses every Thursday Night: 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Please join us!

Our Tithes and Our Offerings: Please mail in your tithes and offerings using our post office address: P.O. Box 1280, Glen Allen, VA 23060-1280

Call to Prayer: Let us give thanks to God for this gift of the spirit to empower the Church to live out making God's love known.

Rev. Ann's new cell number: Finally the big reveal! Please feel free to text or call Ann at 804-508-3850. Indicate whether or not your need is time sensitive.

Pastoral Care: Please call or text the Rev. Ann Cherry at 804-508-3850, or email her at laurelpres.cherry@gmail.com. Please indicate whether or not this matter is time sensitive :)

The Shepherd of the Month: Please reach out to Mary Jane Bowlin, the Shepherd of the month for May, at (804) 672-6009 for member care and TLC.

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