



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 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: To see as God sees . . .

People: We must be born from above.

Leader: To love as God loves . . .

People: We must expand the footprints of Jesus.

Leader: To live as forever kingdom people . . .

People: We must be born of water and the Spirit.

Leader: To live in the flow of the Trinity . . .

**People: We must allow God the Father, God the Son, and God
the Spirit to abide in us, as we abide in God.**

*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 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (Hymn No. 1)* Laurel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Inclusive God, known to us in three persons, we sometimes let go of who we are at the core, as made in your image and likeness, because we do not yet trust this spiritual DNA. Like Nicodemus who came to you in the night, we want to keep our questions hidden and our fears concealed. Unlock us from ourselves so that we can lay ourselves fully before you as you already fully know us. Remove our barriers and blindness so that your love is our fountain of being and wipes away our guilt and regrets. Help us to let go of all the ways we are not good to ourselves, and to our neighbor, so that we might more completely abide in you, as you abide in us, for we pray all of these things in the name of Jesus, 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 *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! (vs. 4)* 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

John 3: 1-17 (NRSV)

SERMON

"How Can these Things Be?"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father

Laurel Choir

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession (Chapter 1)

Michael Henderson

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom, alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud (Hymn No. 11)

Laurel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King (Hymn No. 2)

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.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Karen Johnson and Carl Carpenter to the glory of God in honor of their anniversary.

Rose Bud Service: Theodore Thompson MacRae, “Teddy”, was born to Sara and Alex MacRae on Thursday May 27, 2021 at 12:46 pm. A rose bud has been placed on the communion table in honor of his birth. Teddy is the grandson of Brenda and Pete MacRae, the cousin of Maeve Lanetti, and niece of Colleen and Joe Lanetti. We celebrate with the MacRae family this precious gift of life from God.

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

Trinity Sunday: We are celebrating the diversity of God made known in three persons: God as Father, God as Son, God as Holy Spirit.

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 about as you need to.

Mask On or Mask Off? Given the recommendation of our COVID Task Force, following the guidance of the CDC and the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Session has decided that beginning July 4th you may opt to go maskless if you are vaccinated. We encourage you to consult your medical team for what is best for your wellbeing and to practice accordingly.

The COVID Task Force: Is at work studying how we might phase in the other elements of our worship and community life. When more information is available, we will let you know.

Women’s Circle: We will gather next Tuesday June 8th, at 10 am, to continue to examine our Christian practices. Carol Short will facilitate.

Laurel Vision Team: We are meeting June 27th right after church in the fellowship hall. We will determine our meeting and platform schedule (in-person or Zoom) at that time. If you feel called to be part of this work, your voice is welcomed. Just bring your Laurel love, dreams, and calendar :)

July 4th: Save the date. We are doing the big reveal, an outdoor worship and cookout to celebrate how God has brought us through this ordeal. No masks required.

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.

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.

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 each other and 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 :)

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 making love known in the diversity of the three persons.

Rev. Ann's New Cell: Please feel free to text or call Ann at **804-508-3850**. Indicate whether or not your matter is time-sensitive.

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.

Rev. Ann will be on study leave through June 13: Should you have a pastoral concern in the interim, please reach out to our Shepherd on Call or our Member Care Team listed on the back of this bulletin.

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

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