



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 9

July 25, 2021 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

Clint Miller

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: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any wise among them, those who seek after God.

People: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

Leader: Those who eat up my people, as they eat bread, have they no knowledge and do not call upon the Lord.

People: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

Leader: God is the company of the righteous, The Lord is the refuge for the poor!

People: Fools say in their hearts, "there is no God" but we know that the Lord is our Beloved, in whom we trust and in whom we love *(Based on Psalm 14).*

*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.

*GATHERING HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Hymn No. 305

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most loving God, we can barely comprehend the scope of your forgiveness and still wait for the other shoe of shame and judgement to drop. We often close ourselves off from your saving presence, and in our pride, we withhold forgiveness from ourselves and from other people. We continue to live as if our false selves were real, refusing your offer to claim our true identities in Christ. By the power of your Spirit, grant that we might know the assurance of your love. Give us the confidence that there is nothing we have done that you do not use in our healing and formation. Fill our hearts with such gratitude for this grace that your love overflows for each other and for ourselves; for we pray this through Jesus, who is and was and always will be, our Christ.

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!

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 581

*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

Romans 6: 1-11 (NRSV)

CHORAL ANTHEM

Blessed Are They

Laurel Choir

SERMON

"Striking Out Happens, So Does Grace" The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

*In My Life**Hymn No. 468*

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Belhar Confession

Michael Henderson

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

*RESPONSE

*Breathe On Me, Breath Of God**Hymn No. 286*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds**Hymn No. 306*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

Clint Miller

*** Please feel free to stand during our worship service.**

Welcome to Clint Miller: We are pleased to welcome Clint Miller to our worship leadership this morning. Clint is the son of Glenda and Clint Miller and grew up in our church. He is a vocal music teacher at J.R. Tucker High School and a section leader in the choir at Second Presbyterian. Clint is a graduate of James Madison University.

Passing of the Peace: You are invited to greet each other in the name of our Beloved One.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Michelle and Rob McBane to the glory of God and in memory of Michelle's sister, Carol Dunbar Miller.

The Belhar Confession: The Belhar Confession was added to the PC (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions by the 222nd General Assembly in 2016. It was a statement of faith written in Afrikaans in 1982 to reflect the union of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa.

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 key, so please know that you are always welcomed to move :)

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

Mask On or Mask Off? *If fully vaccinated*, we are free to go without a mask, but all are welcome to continue masking for health or comfort.

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

Show your Love for Coal Pit Learning Center: New and used books are needed for 3-and 4-year-olds. Just bring and leave underneath the coat rack hooks :). Your love is appreciated.

Laurel Vision Team: We will meet today, July 25th, right after church in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend. We will be talking about our vision for the church plant and the lived experience of a visitor from social media to worship to parking lot.

LIVE from Laurel Pres! You can now connect to us at our regular worship time and worship alongside our Laurel family. Just go to our website (laurelpres.com), choose the Services tab, and follow the link to our YouTube page. The service should play automatically.

Choir Rehearsals on Summer Break! You can join us again in September.

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.

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.

Post-Pandemic Re-Entry Hospitality: As we re-enter the social arena again, let us greet each other with hearty hellos, smiling faces and Laurel Love. Let our joy be made known in our warmth and friendship and care for one another.

Pastoral Care: Ann will be away through August 9th. Please reach out to Mary Jane Bowlin, at 672-6009, or Nana Sarfo-Kantanka, at 266-4423, if you need pastoral care. We have a pastor on call should an emergency arise in Ann's absence.

July Shepherd of the Month: Judy Smith is our Shepherd of the month for July. You can reach her at (804) 273-6007 for member care and TLC.

Call to Prayer: Let us give thanks to God for making love known through each one of us.

L a u r e l P r e s b y t e r i a n C h u r c h

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