



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 12

August 15, 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

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn No. 288

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts!**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord!

People: **The Lord is gracious and merciful to all!** (Adapted from Psalm 111)

*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

Brethren We Have Met To Worship

Hymn No. 396

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cry out to you from the depths of our souls, O Loving God. You know our deepest sorrows. You know our intimate regrets. You know our anger and the bitterness that plagues us. You know our wounds and the memories that haunt us, still. Redeem us with your steadfast love. Forgive us with your mercy and grace. Restore us with your healing touch. Renew and set us free from old hurts and resentments. Feed us with the bread of heaven, for we long to be sustained by your manna. Fill us with your bottomless grace and love, for we ask 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

John 6: 51-58 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pass Me Not

Janice & Duane Berger

SERMON
Cherry

"Forever Body-Building"

The Rev. Ann D.

RESPONDING IN LOVE

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Touch of His Hand On Mine

Janice & Duane Berger

*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.

*HYMN

Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

Hymn No. 496

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Beloved and Creator God, you commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good . . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We praise you, most holy God . . . As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise. All praise to you, Lord Jesus:

People: Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN	<i>God Be With You Till We Meet Again</i>	Hymn No. 541
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
*POSTLUDE		J. David Clatterbuck

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

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

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Phyllis Perross to the glory of God and in memory of her father, J. Ewell Perross.

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.

Invitation to Move or Not: You are invited to stand, stretch, and move during our worship service or even to remain seated. Your comfort is key, so make yourself at home.

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

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.

Fireside HH and S'mores Night: Join us Wednesday, August 18th, for an evening around the firepit as we gather for good camp stories and chocolate. Please feel free to bring your favorite libation, too.

Laurel Vision Team: We are meeting next Sunday, August 22nd, after church in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend. We will be continuing to talk about our vision for the church plant and the lived experience of our visitors.

Bruster's Night Out: Come bring your summer love and join us for ice cream (Dutch Treat) at 7 pm on Thursday August 26th. We had fun in July!

Mask On or Mask Off? Given the rapid rise of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 (which is far more contagious than the virus we dealt with this past winter), the Presbytery of the James is now recommending that we ALL mask during worship and meetings, regardless of vaccination status. Our COVID Task Force is carefully monitoring and will be advising Session again about the next steps for us.

Newsletter Articles Due Thursday :)

Hallway Love: The Session authorized a fresh coat of paint for some of our hallways. Painting will begin tomorrow, August 16th.

Show your Love for Coal Pit Learning Center: New and gently used books are needed for 3-and 4-year-olds. Please leave in the tagged box underneath the coat rack :). Judy Smith is our point person for this project. Your love is appreciated.

Sunday worship, LIVE from Laurel Pres! Worshiping from home? You can worship with us at our regular service time: Just go to our website (laurelpres.com), choose the Worship 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.

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

Pastoral Care: Please call or text Rev. Ann at **804-508-3850** or email her at laurelpres.cherry@gmail.com. Please feel free to use her personal cell to reach out at 804-873-1990 if she misses a call/text on the church cell. She wants to be present to us :)

August Shepherd of the Month: Carolyn Stinger is our Shepherd of the month for August. You can reach her at (804) 755-7150 for member care and TLC.

Call to Prayer: Let us give thanks to God for making love known through each and every 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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