



**LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 11

August 8, 2021 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Henderson

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

*MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn No. 288

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

Leader: Come, People of God, Come to our Beloved One!

People: **When you call, we will answer.**

Leader: Come, People of God, Come to our Beloved One!

People: **When you nudge us, we will follow.**

Leader: Come, People of God, Come . . .

People: **When you speak, we will listen with love.**

Michael Henderson

*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

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Hymn No. 407

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Nicole Ball

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet, 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

The Rev. Nicole Ball

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Nicole Ball

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Carol Short

SERMON

Comfort in Chaos

The Rev. Nicole

Ball

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**Hymn No. 444*

*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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Carol Short

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night**Hymn No. 675**O For a World**Hymn No. 372*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Nicole Ball

*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

Clint Miller

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

Welcome to The Rev. Nicole Ball: Rev. Nicole Childress Ball has worked in a variety of ministry capacities, including hospital chaplaincy, higher education, and fundraising. She most recently served at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in the heart of Richmond and at Union Presbyterian Seminary in the office of Seminary Relations. Nicole is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College (Go Jackets!) and Union Presbyterian Seminary. She has taken her pastoral and relationship-building skills to return to her alma mater, where she serves as the

Director of Athletic Development and The Yellow Jacket Club. She and her husband, Tyler, are the exhausted parents of three kiddos: Stella (5), Waylon & Wyatt (2). She thrives on dry shampoo, good coffee, and deep conversation.

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 Clint and Glenda Miller to the glory of God and in honor of their daughter, Laurel Miller Roeder, on her birthday.

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

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.

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 Sunday, August 22nd, right 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 a visitor starting with their interaction on social media, to their parking, to finding our entrance, to picking up a bulletin, to our worship, to the rest rooms, to exiting, to our parking lot.

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

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 :)

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.

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.

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.

Ann returns tomorrow. 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 July. 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 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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