



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 13

August 22, 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: Come! Let us dwell in God's home, forever.

People: **Happy are those who live and pray in God's house.**

Leader: In God alone our hearts sing for joy!

People: **In God alone do we find strength!**

Leader: O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place.

People: **We have come with gratitude to worship you, O Loving One!**

(Adapted from Psalm 84).

*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.

*MUSICAL OFFERING

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymn No. 275

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You equip us for every trial, Loving God, yet we forsake the protections you provide. Even as we pledge our fidelity and trust to you, we turn from your ways. Even as we celebrate the faithful witness of our ancestors, we ignore their example. Even as we confess you with our lips, we deny you in our words and actions. Forgive us this day, Merciful One, and reclaim us as ambassadors of Christ. Give us your kingdom eyes to see and hearts to know beauty even in the least of these, for we pray this 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!

*MUSICAL 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

Ephesians 6: 10-20 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Prayed "Forgive Them"

Gladys Bowles

SERMON

"Dress for Success"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*MUSICAL OFFERING

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn No. 307

*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

On the Jericho Road

Gladys Bowles & David Clatterbuck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*MUSICAL OFFERING

Standing on the Promises

Hymn No. 838

*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 Judy and Jim Smith to the glory of God and in honor of their sons, Drew Smith and Scott Smith.

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 to remain seated as you feel comfortable doing. 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.

He Prayed "Forgive Them": This song is sung by Gladys Bowles to honor the memory of Murriel Perross, the sister of Phyllis Perross, who died while serving as an Administrative Assistant at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church some years ago.

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.

Laurel Vision Team: We are meeting today 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.

S'mores Night Moved to Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30 pm.

Mask On or Mask Off? Given the uptick of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 (which is significantly more contagious than the variant we dealt with last winter), your Session is now recommending that *we encourage everyone to mask while indoors--regardless of vaccination status.* Please also sit every other pew and make use of the hand sanitizing stations at the front and back of the church.

Singing Precautions: You can tap and clap without a mask, and hum if you have a mask on. You can also sing if you use one of the Broadway masks that David ordered for our choir last fall. Here is that link: <https://www.broadwayreliefproject.com/singersmask>

Small Groups are coming to Laurel: One group, led by Chris Rogen of VCU, will be reading *Dusk, Night, Dawn* by Ann Lamott, which is about the third third of life and the beauty of it all. Another group, led by Ann Cherry, will be reading *The Way to Love* by Anthony De Mello, which is about how to claim the happiness of God that is already present inside of you. Groups will meet weekly and will start in September.

Hallway Love: The Session authorized a fresh coat of paint for some of our hallways. Check out the work on your way out.

Call for Pictures: We are going to begin featuring the faces of Laurel Love before worship each Sunday. Send your pictures to Duane Berger at otm88@rcn.com.

Love for Coal Pit Learning Center: Thank you for your generosity. We have collected a haul of books, thanks to your love.

LIVE from Laurel Pres! You can connect and worship together 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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