



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 18

September 26, 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: Blessed be the Lord!

People: **The One who made heaven and earth creates us out of love and loves us unquestionably!**

Leader: The Lord is on our side – at all times, in all circumstances, for all reasons.

People: **Blessed be the Lord!** (Adapted from Psalm 124)

*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.

CHORAL GATHERING HYMN

Here In This Place Vs. 1

Hymn No. 401

RECEIVING LOVE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you search to find us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become lost in our own busyness and have not sought you. We seldom pause to

listen for the wind in the trees or the voices of children playing. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to share them with you. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human. Make us patient with our mistakes, and with each other's. Remind us that we are also precious, because you are, 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 Ones, 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

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

James 5:13-18/ Mark 9: 38-41, 50 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

The Power and the Glory

Laurel Choir

SERMON

"Our Saltiness"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL MUSICAL OFFERING

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Vs. 1

Hymn No. 828

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Michael Henderson

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and

buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CALLED ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR CORPORATION

SENDING CHORAL HYMN

We All Are One In Mission Vs. 1

Hymn No. 733

*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 Ann Cherry to the glory of God and in honor of Laurel Love which is known through each one of us.

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 and waves in the name of our Beloved One.

Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting Today: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today as part of our service worship for the purpose of hearing the report of Session, convening and electing our Corporation trustees, and electing our Nominating Committee.

Bruster's Love: Join us on Wednesday September 29th at 6 pm at Bruster's for some awesome conversation and great ice cream. We are meeting earlier because it is getting darker earlier and this is a make-up date from our rain delay :)

Lay Reader Training Next Sunday: We will meet right after worship, where we will provide pro tips for leading worship. If you have energy for this, please reach out to Ann Cherry.

World Communion Sunday: In communion with the rest of Christianity, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday next week.

Peace and Global Witness Offering: We are receiving this offering through October 3rd. Earmark your checks with "Peace Offering." The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord, and division, and to embrace God's reconciling mission with those around the world (2 Thess 3:16). Please give generously.

Slate of Members for the Nominating Committee: Duane Berger, Chair; Gladys Chamberlayne, Judy Smith, and Rudy van't Riet. Rev. Ann Cherry serves as ex officio. If you would like to nominate someone to serve on this committee, please check with that person before nominating at our meeting.

Officers of the Laurel Presbyterian Church Corporation: President, Linda Coulson, Treasurer, Rob McBane, Secretary-elect, Gladys Bowls, board members are Duane Berger, Gladys Bowls, Mary Jane Bowling, Linda Coulson, Michael Henderson, Diane Jackson, Nana Sarfo-Kantanka, Rob McBane and Steve Scarce.

Agenda for Today's Meetings: See Insert.

"Feeding the Police" Temporarily Postponed: Due to the uptick in COVID-19 numbers in Henrico County, the police have requested that we put these lunches on hold until numbers abate. Thank you for your support and love.

Refugee Love Received: Thanks to Mary Scarce and Carolyn Stinger, who ran point on this project, and to the hands of Steve Scarce, our generous donation was made to the Afghan Joint Relief Project that we shared with First Presbyterian of Richmond and Gregory Memorial of Prince George. A big thank you for showing your love.

Small Groups: Small groups are one way that we can grow together in our practice of Christianity and in our love as a beloved community. We are offering two ways for us to form even deeper connections with each other. All are welcome.

Dust, Night, Dawn meets Thursday at 1pm: This group led by **Chris Rhoden** of VCU is reading **Dusk, Night, Dawn** by Anne Lamott. The focus will be tackling our thinking around the third third of life, and the perceptions (and misperceptions of) beauty. We will be intentionally identifying meaning and purpose in our lives. See Ann or Chris for an extra book. This group is meeting in the sanctuary.

Our Second Small Group Starts next Tuesday October 5th at 3 pm: We will be reading **The Way to Love** by Anthony De Mello and we will talk about how we claim the image of God inside of us, which De Mello suggests is everything we need to be content. We will learn how to practice contemplation and we will meet the first and last Tuesday of the month. This group will be led by Ann Cherry.

Masks Recommended: Given significant rise in COVID-19 cases in Virginia due to the more infectious Delta variant, your Session is now recommending that we mask indoors. This recommendation is made regardless of our vaccination status. Please sit every other pew and make use of the hand sanitizing stations.

Singing: There are options for us to participate in worship even when masked. We can hum, tap, and clap to show our love of God. If you are missing singing, please consider ordering one of the Broadway masks that David Clatterbuck, our Director of Music, ordered for our choir last fall. Here is that link: <https://www.broadwayreliefproject.com/singersmask>

Call for Pictures: Our projector is being repaired thanks to the loving care of Duane Berger, and Ann and Michael Whitby. Soon we are going to begin featuring the faces of Laurel Love before worship each Sunday. Please send your pictures to Duane Berger at otm88@rcn.com.

Choir Rehearsals Have Resumed: All those interested in singing in the choir, please join us on Thursday nights at 5:30 pm. We will be wearing the Broadway Singing Masks.

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.

5 Cents a Meal: We are accepting the Five Cents a Meal offering today. Please earmark your check in the memo line for the Five Cents a Meal. This is how we contribute to eradicating world hunger through our Presbytery outreach program.

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 use her personal cell (804-873-1990) if she misses a call/text on the church cell. She wants to be present to us :)

September/October Shepherd of the Month: Michelle McBane is our Shepherd of the Month for September. You can reach her at (804) 432-3760. Carol Short is on call for October. You can reach her at (804) 922-6227. Shepherds provide member care and TLC.

LIVE from Laurel Pres! You can connect to us at our regular service time and worship alongside of us. Go to laurelpres.com, choose the "worship" tab, and follow the link to the YouTube page.

Call to Prayer: Let us be in prayer for the military and families who have sacrificed so that we might know safety at home, for our Afghan displaced refugees, and for our Henrico County first responders.

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

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry, Minister

Rob McBane, Treasurer

J. David Clatterbuck, Director of Music

Wayne Deisher, Bookkeeper

Diane Jackson, Session, MCM Team

Stephen Scarce, Session, SP Team

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“Salt is good: but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another” Mark 9:50

Let Love Be Known Here

Brief Agenda for Congregational and Meeting of the Corporation

1. Open in Prayer, The Rev. Ann Cherry
2. Determine Quorum Present

Motion: That the minutes of both the Congregational Annual meeting and the meeting of the Laurel Presbyterian Church Corporation be approved by Session.

3. Present Congregational Leadership Team, Michael Henderson
 - a. Present Members of Session
 - b. Recognize Treasurer and Bookkeeper

4. Financial Report, Wayne Deisher, Bookkeeper

5. Report of the Teams of Session:
 - a. Worship and Education
 - b. Stewardship and Property
 - c. Member Care and Mission

6. Report of the Vision Task Force, Ann Whitby

7. Report of the Nominating Committee, Michael Henderson

Motion: That the Nominating Committee serve as a committee of the congregation with the following members: Duane Berger, Gladys Chamberlayne, Rudy van't Riet and Judy Smith.

8. Report of the Corporation, Linda Coulson, President

Motion: That Laurel Presbyterian Church grant permission to encumber property to KDR operating on behalf of Henrico County for the sidewalk being placed on the property.

9. Motion to Adjourn Meeting of the Congregation.

10. Call to Order Meeting of the Corporation

a. **Motion:** That the Congregation affirm the Officers of the Corporation.

(President, Linda Coulson, Treasurer, Rob McBane, Secretary-elect, Gladys Bowls, board members are Duane Berger, Gladys Bowls, Mary Jane Bowling, Linda Coulson, Michael Henderson, Diane Jackson, Nana Sarfo-Kantanka, Rob McBane and Steve Scearce.)

b. Motion to Adjourn Meeting of Corporation