



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 20

October 10, 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

Diane Jackson

Leader: Come and worship.

People: God is here.

Leader: Listen for the word of God.

People: It is alive and active.

Leader: Draw near to the source of mercy.

People: The God of grace is with us (Boyd, 2020).

*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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CHORAL GATHERING HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (1 & 3)*

Hymn No. 475

RECEIVING LOVE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tender God, have mercy on us. When we hurt, it is hard to turn towards you. When we suffer, it is hard to lean on you. When our grief overwhelms us, it is hard to reach out to you. Even though we know intellectually that you are the source of our being and the giver of every breath, we are weary and exhausted with holding it all together. When we doubt that we can go on, remind us that it is through you that all the strength in the world resides. When we hurt, suffer or are grieving, scoop us up into your arms, and bless us with your presence. Even though we feel swallowed whole by it all, remind us that we are never alone or abandoned to our circumstances. Continue to speak love in our ears and into our thoughts, and to remind us that no matter what happens, we are always your children, and you are always our God, 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 Psalm 22 (NRSV)

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord* Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 4: 12-16 (NRSV)

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL OFFERING

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (1 & 3)

Hymn No. 730

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4

Diane Jackson

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit
 who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
 In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

SENDING CHORAL HYMN	<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (1, 3 & 4)</i>	Hymn No. 438
*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 Diane Jackson and to Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God.

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 as one awesome way to show forth your Laurel Love :)

Session Meets Today: Our Session will meet today right after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, Circle Meeting: Our Circle will convene on Tuesday at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall with Carol Short, moderator. All are welcomed.

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 is tackling our thinking around the third third of life, and the perceptions (and misperceptions of) beauty. We are intentionally identifying meaning and purpose in our lives. This group is meeting in the sanctuary.

Vision Task Force: Will meet right after worship next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

The Presbytery of the James (POJ): The stated meeting of the POJ will be held virtually on Saturday, October 16th. Your pastor and a member from Session will be present.

Church Picnic, All Hallows Eve - Saturday, October 30th: Bring your spirit and join us from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm on October 30th. We will be providing fried chicken and ask that you sign up to bring one side. Denis Ramdas (11133 Mill Place Court, Glen Allen, VA) is generously allowing us to enjoy this fall harvest on his lovely property.

Ushers: If you have a gift for welcoming others, we would love to have you sharing some Laurel Love Sunday mornings. Please use the Sign-Up sheet in the hallway to make your love known.

Coffee Bar: Thanks to the creative genius of Ann Whitby and the Vision Task Force, we have a new coffee bar in the Narthex outfitted with high test and decaf options. This is love in action. Please enjoy a cup :)

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Nominating Committee and Officers of our Corporation: A big shout-out to these people for assuming a servant leadership role in the life of Laurel.

Our Nominations Committee: Duane Berger, Chair; Gladys Chamberlayne, Judy Smith, and Rudy van't Riet.

Our Corporation Officers: Linda Coulson, President; Gladys Bows, Secretary; Rob McBane, Treasurer.

Small Group Modification: Due to overlapping interest in both groups, the second group, **The Way to Love**, will be led next fall and will not convene this year as previously scheduled.

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>

Choir Rehearsals: 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.

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 :)

October Shepherd of the Month: Carol Short is our Shepherd of the Month 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 our YouTube page.

Call to Prayer: Let us be in prayer for all those who are suffering, who are marginalized, who are without voice, and who are seekers of love.

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

Mary Jane Bowlin, Session MCM Team

Michael Henderson, Session, WE Team

Nana Sarfo-Kantanka, Session, MCM Team

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“Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” Hebrews 4:16

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 Scarce.)

b. Motion to Adjourn Meeting of Corporation