



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Pentecost 21*

October 17, 2021 10:00 AM

*Where Love is Known*

PRELUDE	Faith John
RINGING OF THE HOUR	Janice Berger
WELCOME BELOVED ONES/ANNOUNCEMENTS	The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Carolyn Stinger

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Hymn No. 288
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Carol Short

Leader: Come and worship the One who calls us to be still.

**People: We will walk with you this day, Beloved One, and you will walk with us.**

Leader: Come and worship the One who calls us to listen.

**People: We will walk with you this day, Beloved One, and you will walk with us.**

Leader: Come and worship the One who eagerly hears our prayers.

**People: We will walk with you this day, Beloved One, and you will walk with us**

\*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	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>	<i>Vs. 1,2 &amp; 4</i>	Hymn No. 310
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*RECEIVING LOVE*

*CALL TO CONFESSION	The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Beloved One, you call us to pray often but we often have a hard time keeping this lifeline open. We so want to talk things over with you and to trust that you hear us; but then, doubt sneaks in and we waver. We want to believe that you have our backs, but suffering has worn us down. We so want to live into your image and likeness, but we keep walking ourselves back from owning it. We want to be Christ to the world, but we are overwhelmed by the ask. Forgive our weak knees, our heavy hearts, and our broken kindness. Give us strength to keep tapping your strength and give us the resolve to keep on talking to you even when we feel that we only hear crickets. And soften our hearts so that we might continue to say “yes” to your love being made known through and in us, 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 *Philippians 4:5-7 (NRSV)*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Faith John*

SCRIPTURE READING *James 5:13-20 (NRSV)*

SERMON

*"The Daily Briefing"*

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*RESPONDING IN LOVE*

CHORAL OFFERING

*This Is My Father's World*

Vs. 1 &amp; 2

Hymn No. 370

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4*

Carol Short

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!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

*BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD*

SENDING CHORAL HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Vs. 1 & 4

Hymn No. 187

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

\*POSTLUDE

Faith John

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

**Lay Reader:** Thank you to Carol Short and to Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day by Rick Short to the glory of God in honor of his wife, Carol, on her birthday.

**Welcome Faith John:** We are pleased to welcome to our service this day, Faith John, while David is enjoying a much deserved week away. Faith earned a Bachelor of Music from VCU. She has worked in many different areas of music including church music, musical theatre, vocal accompaniment, and ballet accompaniment. She also plays the flute with the Richmond Pops, and the piano and clarinet with the Richmond Clarinet Choir. Last year, Faith retired from the VCU department of Mathematics and is enjoying gardening and catching up on home projects.

**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 : )

**Vision Task Force:** Our task force will gather right after worship today in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed.

**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.

**The Presbytery of the James (POJ):** The stated meeting of the POJ was held virtually yesterday. Your pastor was present.

**Church Picnic, All Hallows Eve - Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**: Bring your spirit and join us from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm on October 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. This event is rain or shine. Should it rain, we will gather in our church fellowship hall.

**Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday**: Please submit your articles by Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> to Brenda and Pete MacRae at [pamacrae@comcast.net](mailto:pamacrae@comcast.net). All teams, Vision Task Force, special events should write a blurb for our newsletter. Also, if you see love being spoken in word or deed, please submit a quick shout out so we can celebrate when love is shown.

**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 : ) You can also take a coffee cup holder to your pew and enjoy during worship.

**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. One way to know if you are sitting 6 feet apart is to "twist and shout" during our passing of the peace. If you bump into somebody then think about adding some additional buffer space.

**Singing**: We are watching the Delta numbers carefully and as soon as it makes sense, we will move to allowing singing with our regular masks. At this point we encourage the purchase of the Broadway Singing Mask. The other option for us to participate is to hum, tap, and clap to show our love of God. The mask link: <https://www.broadwayreliefproject.com/singersmask>

**Choir Rehearsals**: Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday night. All those interested in singing, please join us 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](mailto: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](http://laurelpres.com), choose the “worship” tab, and follow the link to YouTube page. You can also view our worship services at another time.

**Three Captains Needed:** Online Community. Online Giving. Stewardship. We need a captain to nurture and shepherd our online community; we need a captain to research and spearhead our online giving platform; and we need a captain to run point on our stewardship season. If either of these positions piqued your curiosity, please reach out to Ann Cherry.

**Call to Prayer:** Let us be in prayer for all those who are suffering, who are marginalized, who are carrying heavy burdens, 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

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“Are any among you suffering? They should pray.” James 5:13a

**Let Love Be Known Here**