



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Pentecost 22*

October 24, 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 Whitby

**Leader: Come and listen for the One who responds to our "Ask."**

People: It is our Beloved God who sustains and loves us more than words.

**Leader: Come and listen when life is difficult and when life is awesome.**

People: It is Beloved God who sustains us and loves us through thick and thin.

**Leader: Come and listen for the One who responds to our begging.**

People: Let us celebrate the One who sees, values, and hears 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

*Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven (vs. 1 & 4)*

Hymn No. 619

*RECEIVING LOVE*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we often turn away from you because we are too afraid to be seen as we are. We are needy, vulnerable, and lost. We are leery to ask for what we really need; anxious that you will disappoint us, and that will be more than we can bear. We are afraid of how unsettled we feel and seek to hide ourselves from you and each other. And through our fog, we forget how much you love us. We forget that you are in this human equation with us. We forget that you have taken up residence with us, so we do not have to go it alone. Forgive us, Beloved One, and return us back to you. Fill us with love so that we can trust your care for us. Enable us to know deep down that you do see, value, and hear us – even when we are a hot mess. Give the courage to bravely ask for what we need like Bartimaeus, even when fear is present, 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

Mark 10: 46-52 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Laurel Choir

SERMON

*"The Ask"*

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

## *RESPONDING IN LOVE*

CHORAL OFFERING

*Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling (vs. 1 & 3)*

Hymn No. 418

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4*

Michael Whitby

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!"

CHORAL HYMN

*God of the Sparrow (vs. 1-3)*

Hymn No. 22

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

### *BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD*

SENDING CHORAL HYMN

*God of the Sparrow (vs. 4-6)*

Hymn No. 22

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

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

**Lay Reader:** Thank you to Michael Whitby 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 : )

**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.

**Church Picnic, All Hallows Eve - This Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:** 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. This event is rain or shine. *Should it rain, we will gather in our church fellowship hall instead.*

**Operation Afghan Welcome:** We are working with First Presbyterian Church to supply additional needs for our Afghan refugees at Fort Lee. If you have gently used men's belts (size 36 and below), shoes and sneakers for all sizes and genders, winter coats for all sizes and genders, rollable luggage, and approved car seats, please bring to the church by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** Due to the continued high case count from 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:** All those interested in singing, please join us on Thursdays 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 our 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 any 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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“Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?”  
The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Mark 10:51

**Let Love Be Known Here**