



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Christ the King

November 21, 2021 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE	J. David Clatterbuck
RINGING OF THE HOUR	Janice Tubbesing-Berger
WELCOME BELOVED ONES	The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Mary Jane Bowlin/ Ann Whitby

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>We Gather Together (v. 1)</i>	Hymn No. 336
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Janice Tubbesing-Berger

Leader: Our God is the Alpha and the Omega.

People: The beginning and the end. The First and the Last.

Leader: Our Christ is the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords.

People: The One who is and was and who is to come, the Almighty!

*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>For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1- 4)</i>	Hymn No. 14
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RECEIVING LOVE

RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS	Janice Tubbesing-Berger/Michael Henderson
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LITANY PRAYER FOR VETERAN'S DAY

One: Beloved One, you have blessed us with men and women of faith;

All: People who have heard your call to serve God and country.

One: Beloved One, these people have bravely fought and given their love;

All: To secure our land as a free and open society.

One: Beloved One, bless those who currently serve;

All: And bring them back home safely to us.

One: Bless those whose wounds have never healed;

All: That they may be cared for and appreciated.

One: Bless those whose wounds are not visible;

All: May they know peace and wholeness inside.

One: And for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice;

All: May we never forget their gift.

One: Most of all Beloved One, grant us gratitude and your peace;

All: That we might mirror your love to each other.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, whose eternal rule is ever present but always beyond us, we are honored to be called your people. When fear stops us from accessing our compassion, remind us that we are Kingdom people and to fear not. When we fail to see the needs of the other, remind us that we are your first responders, and to fear not. When we are blinded by our own prejudices, remind us to see as you see, and to fear not. As we celebrate Jesus as the King of Kings, let us also allow him to rule as King of our hearts; for we pray all of these things in the name of Jesus, who is, and was, and always will be, our ruling 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

For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 5)

Hymn No. 14

*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

Revelation 1: 4b-8 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

Give Me A Grateful Heart

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

SERMON

"Who is our King?"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL OFFERING

The God of Abraham Praise (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Hymn No. 49

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed 1.2

Janice Tubbesing-Berger

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

CHORAL OFFERING

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Laurel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

SENDING CHORAL HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God (vs. 1 & 3)

Hymn No. 463

*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 Janice Tubbesing-Berger and Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Glenda & Clint Miller and Howard Lawrence to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Lawrence on her birthday.

Celebrating Our Veterans: It is an honor to be recognizing the service of our veterans today who sacrificed their lives so that we might know peace at home. We are grateful to these brave heroes for their love of neighbor as themselves, which Jesus told us is the greatest commandment of them all, Matthew 22:39.

United States Army: Jake Anderson, Korea; Tod Balsbaugh, Vietnam; Jim Clark, H&HC 4th Psych Operations Group, 1968-1969; Wayne Deisher, Sergeant/E5 1971-1972, Vietnam; Jim Smith, Colonel 1959-1989, 82nd Airborne Division, 2nd Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry Combat Team.

United States Air Force: Eugene L Jackson, Sergeant, 1969-1973; Mary Scarce, Captain 1989-1996, served stateside during Desert Storm; Rick Short, Sergeant/E4 1966-1970, Vietnam.

United States Navy: Larry Runyon, Petty Officer First Class, 1964-1971 Submarine Division.

United States Marine Corps: Bernie Cheatham, Sergeant/E5 1963-1967.

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 :)

Advent Decorating and Mountain Man Breakfast: Please join us **next** Saturday, November 27th for the Mountain Man Breakfast at 8:30 am and to bring Advent love to our sanctuary at 9 am.

Create Your at-Home Advent Wreath: Join us just after worship **next** Sunday, November 28th to create your own Advent wreath. Candles and greens will be supplied--just bring your advent ring. One idea for an inexpensive DIY advent ring is to use your cake pan from home and fill it with a Styrofoam ring from Michaels. Please sign-up in the hallway so we can plan ahead :)

Next Sunday is Pledge Sunday: We will be dedicating our pledge offerings next Sunday, November 28th. Please think about how you want to support Laurel Love.

Our Dry Bones Can Dance! November is all about declaring our Laurel Love in time, talent, and financial resources. This year we are daring bravely to follow God's vision for Laurel. We will have two opportunities to give. One will be for the general budget so we can support the awesome ministry of this church. The other will be for a capital campaign to support building the vision that God has put before us. Every little bit counts as we grow stronger as the body of Christ. Expect to see a stewardship letter by mail and look for stewardship pledge cards by bulletins and near the small white church in the narthex.

The Vision Fund: Be sure to designate your checks with "Vision Fund" in the memo section if you are contributing to this fund. Also, be sure to keep the stewardship card attached so we know who it is that is giving to the church. We had one card turned in that was cut in half. Thank you for your stewardship love.

Dust, Night, Dawn meets Thursday at 1pm: This group led by **Chris Rhoden** of VCU is reading **Dusk, Night, Dawn** by Anne Lamott. This group is meeting in the sanctuary.

Directory Update due by Friday: Marcy Deisher is in the process of updating our Laurel Directory. Please send her all updates or additions to marcia.deisher@comcast.net by Friday. We would like to include any of you who are attending regularly even if you have not yet chosen to formally become a member. Please send your name, address, phone (cell and landline) and email address.

Called Congregational Meeting: The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday December 5th for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee, who will present our slate of officers.

Advent Study Group- Tuesdays: You are invited to participate in an Advent 4-week study that will meet by Zoom at 7 pm on Tuesday December 2nd, 9th, 17th, 23rd. Please let Ann know by email that you will be attending by TOMORROW (Monday, November 22) so we can order you a book. Please bring your wonder and stardust :)

Our Christmas Love: We have two ways to express it this year. The first way is to show **Family Love** to the same family we adopted for Thanksgiving. Just take an ornament off of the large tree and purchase the suggested gift and return wrapped with the ornament. The second way is to show some **Member Love** to one of our own by donating to the money tree. Just grab an envelope and add a gift card (Walmart, Kroger, Z-cuts, Goodwill, a Nail Salon at Gayton Crossings, VISA etc.) or money. Look for the trees by the coat hanger rack in early December.

Two Captains Needed: Online Community. Stewardship. We need a captain to nurture and shepherd our online community 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. Thank you to Pete MacRae for taking point on online giving.

Choir Rehearsals: Due to Thanksgiving, we will be practicing on Tuesday this week at 5:30 pm. Please let David Clatterbuck, Director of Music, know if you are interested in joining us. 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.

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 turn” during our passing of the peace. If you bump into someone then add 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>

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.

LIVE from Laurel Pres! You can virtually connect at our regular service time or any time thereafter. Go to laurelpres.com, choose the “worship” tab, and follow the link to our YouTube page. You can also view our worship services at another time.

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.

Armchairs in the Back: We have 2 dedicated spots in the back right in front of the sound booth for those who might prefer seats with arms.

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.

November Shepherds of the Month: Margaret and Reggie Fitch are our Shepherds of the Month for November. You can reach the Fitches at 755-7201. Shepherds provide member care and TLC.

Pastoral Care: You can reach Ann at (804) 508-3850 and if you have trouble reaching her, please use her home cell, 804-873-1990.

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

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry, Minister

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J. David Clatterbuck, Director of Music

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“You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”
John 18:37a

Let Love Be Known Here