



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 24

November 7, 2021 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

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: "You shall eat and be satisfied"

People: We "shall praise the name of the Lord our God who has dealt wondrously with" us.

Leader: "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh . . ."

People: And our "sons and daughters shall prophesy, our old men" and women "shall dream dreams."

Leader: "You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God."

People: We know that you are our Lord God and there is no other! (Adapted from Joel 2: 27-28)

*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

The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1,2 & 5)

Hymn No. 321

RECEIVING LOVE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we have not always invested all that we are – our hearts, minds, and souls in loving you. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have struggled to see each other and ourselves as you see us. We have not stretched to see the dreams you have for us and for this your church. Give us your grounded confidence that we can follow where you lead. Shore us up where our faith falters. Enable us to invest again where we have pulled back. And remind us that living within your flow of love is where you most want us to be, for we pray all of these things 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

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:15-16, 18-21 (NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12: 38-44 (NRSV)

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (Vs. 1,2 & 3)

Hymn No. 203

*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!"

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Remember, Remember Me

Laurel Choir

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Beloved and Creator God, you commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good . . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We praise you, most holy God . . . As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise. All praise to you, Lord Jesus:

People: Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

SENDING CHORAL HYMN

The Lord Is God (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Hymn No. 63

*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 Whitby and to Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day by Joan McArthur and Denis Ramdas to the glory of God and in memory of Malcolm McArthur.

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.

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.

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 To Meet Today: A meeting of Session has been called for today just after worship. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Pastoral Care While Ann is Away: Ann will be away from November 8 through November 15. During this time, please reach out to Mary Jane Bowlin for any pastoral care needs. The Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, Pastor and Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church, is covering for Ann, and Mary Jane will make the arrangements.

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.

Pledge Sunday, November 28th: Soon you will be receiving your pledge card for 2022. Please think about how you want to support Laurel Love. We will be dedicating our offerings on Sunday, November 28th.

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: Marcy Deisher will be updating our Laurel Directory this December. Please send all revisions or additions to marcia.deisher@comcast.net. We would also like to include any of you who are attending regularly even if you have not formally joined our Laurel family. Please send along your name, address, phone (cell and/or landline) and email address.

Last Call for Afghan Welcome Project: 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 today or contact Mary Scarce at (804) 672-7514 to make alternate arrangements.

Advent Devotional: You are invited to participate in an Advent 4-week study that will meet by Zoom at 7 pm on Wednesday December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Please let Ann know by email that you will be attending by November 15th so we can order you a book. Please bring your wonder and stardust :)

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.

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>

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.

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.

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.

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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“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43: 18-19

Let Love Be Known Here