



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Epiphany 3*

January 16, 2022 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

Michael Henderson

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*As the Deer*

Hymn No. 626

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Henderson

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

**People:** Let us enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving, and Lord's courts with praise.

**Leader:** For God's steadfast love endures forever, and faithfulness to all generations.

**People:** For the Lord is good! Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

\*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.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*Vs. 1 & 4*

Hymn No. 645

## *RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hannah Miller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you today, and share with you the truth of our lives.  
 The fear that holds us back from loving as you love.  
 The resentment that keeps us apart from each other,  
 The striving and the busyness that overshadows your work in our lives.  
 O God, we invite you into these places.  
 Help us to see the world with new and gracious eyes,  
 To move to those places where love is needed,  
 And to have faith that you are with us.  
 Hear now the confessions that silence draws from our hearts.**

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!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

Hymn No. 581

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## *PROCLAIMING LOVE*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Our Lord Reigns*

Laurel Choir

SERMON

*"The Adjacent Possible"*

Hannah Miller

*RESPONDING IN LOVE*

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed 1.2*

Michael Henderson

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.

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn No. 609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

*BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD*

SENDING HYMN

*Great Are You, Lord*

Hymn No. 614

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Hannah Miller

POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

**Welcome Hannah Miller:** Hannah grew up in Richmond attending Bon Air Presbyterian Church. She studied Theatre at William and & Mary, and worked for several years in the Community Health + Wellness Program at Virginia Repertory Theatre. In the middle of that time, she attended the Harvard Graduate School of Education to earn her Ed.M in Human Development and Psychology. She's also had the opportunity to connect with several churches around Richmond as coordinator of the Acts of Faith Festival, led by 2nd

Presbyterian. Hannah is now in her first year at Union Presbyterian Seminary and serves as the Seminary Intern for Youth at First Presbyterian Church.

**Lay Reader:** Thank you to Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgist today.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day to the glory of God and in honor of Laurel Love and our collective God Showings.

**Passing of the Peace:** You are invited **to stand and greet each other with air hugs and waves** in the name of our Beloved One to show forth your Laurel Love : )

**Friendship Pads:** Old and New friends, please take a moment to fill out the Friendship Pads. It is important that we have a way to contact you in the event of a COVID event like we experienced in December. Even if you think we have your info, please provide a cell phone or email contact. Friendship Pads can be found at the end of the pews : )

**Imago Dei, Engraved with Love:** You are invited to take your tree ornament home and to give your heart to yourself, as God's reminder of your tiny God Showing, or to someone you love as deeply. The tree ornaments can be found in the Narthex.

**Special thank you and love to our COVID Task Force Members:** To Ann Whibty, chair, Brenda MacRae and Mary Scarce for keeping us safe.

**New COVID-19 Protocols:** The COVID Task Force met during Christmas to advise Session on next steps to keep us safe at worship. The Session has adopted these recommendations:

- Protective masks are required for all. (A reliable source for masks is ProjectN95.org)
- Worship leadership will speak with a mask on.
- Pews are roped off in order for us to sit every other one (thank you Brenda and Pete MacRae); please allow ample distance between you and your neighbor.
- All doors to our worship space will remain open to allow for airflow and a touchless entry.
- We will refrain from hugging, handshaking, or close talking as hard as this is.
- We encourage everyone to stay home with even the slightest hint of cold symptoms or if you are immune compromised. Thankfully we can all participate in worship through our online streaming platform.

Hand sanitizers are available at both entrances, and we are researching freestanding units to replace the bottles. We will ride out this wave too, and soon we will be on the other side of this.

**Winter Weather:** Should we experience winter conditions, we will most likely close out of an abundance of caution. Every attempt will be made to post this notification online, to send out a group email and to activate our phone tree.

**Thank you to all who Expressed Christmas Love to our Coal Pit Family and our dear Laurel Member:** Your generosity made love known in a powerful way. Thank you.

**Congratulations to our New Officers:** Tod Balsbaugh, Duane Berger, Gladys Bowles, Michael Henderson, Brenda MacRae and Denis Ramdas.

**New Office Ordination and Installation:** A service of installation and ordination for our new officers will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> during our regular morning worship.

**Stewardship Love:** We thank you for returning your pledge cards. Your gifts allow us to show God's love through Laurel's quest to make Love Known Here. It is not too late if you have not pledged yet . . . your love is always welcomed and appreciated.

**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 may acknowledge your gift in support of the Fund. (We had one card turned in that was cut in half.) Thank you for your stewardship love.

**Weekly Tithes and Our Offerings:** We have placed a small church house on the table in the Narthex and invite you to leave your gifts to support God's work as you depart. You can also mail in your pledges and weekly offerings using our post office address: P.O. Box 1280, Glen Allen, VA 23060-1280

**Our Small Group will resume Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm:** All are welcome as we kick off a new iteration of our small group led by **Chris Rhoden** of VCU. We will be reading *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. This group is meeting in the fellowship hall. Masks are required.

**One Captain Needed - Online Community.** We need a captain to nurture and shepherd our online community; if this position piques your curiosity, please reach out to Ann Cherry. Thank you to Pete MacRae for taking point on our online giving initiative and Tod Balsbaugh for taking point on stewardship.

**Faces of Laurel Love:** Thanks to the ingenious work of our Worship Production Team, our projector is back in action. We are going to begin featuring the faces of Laurel Love before worship each Sunday. Send your pictures to Duane Berger at [otm88@rcn.com](mailto:otm88@rcn.com).

**Choir Rehearsals:** Please let David Clatterbuck, Director of Music, know if you are interested in joining us. We practice on Thursdays at 5:30 pm and will be wearing the Broadway Singing Masks. **Weekly rehearsals resume this Thursday, January 6.**

**Singing Alternatives:** If you would like to sing during worship, please purchase the Broadway Singing Mask. Otherwise, feel free to participate by humming, tapping and clapping 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](http://laurelpres.com), choose the "worship" tab, and you will find a permanent link to our YouTube page as well as a link to this week's service. You will also find each week's bulletin posted on our Worship page.

**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.

**January Shepherd of the Month:** Bonnie Poff is our Shepherd of the Month for January. You can reach her at (804) 672-0911. Shepherds provide member care and TLC

**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.

**Study Leave:** Ann is on study leave from Tuesday January 4, 2022, through Tuesday January 18, 2022. Should you have a pastoral need, please contact either Linda Coulson (804) 519-4507 or Diane Jackson (804) 804-747-6315, our lead elders of our Member Care and Missions Team.

**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 inner knowing that they are loved and a beloved one of our Creator God, and all those battling COVID or caring for those who are.

## **Laurel Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry, Minister

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