



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Epiphany 6*

February 13, 2022 10:00 AM

*Where Love is Known*

PRELUDE

David Clatterbuck

J.

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*As the Deer*

Hymn No. 626

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: Hear the voice of the Lord, asking:

**People: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for me?"**

Leader: Hear the voice of the people of God responding:

**People: "Here I am Lord; send me!"**

\*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  
645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above vs. 1 & 4*

Hymn No.

*RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

D. Cherry

The Rev. Ann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Loving One, when we forget that we are your beloved ones, draw us even closer to you. When we fail to hear your voice of love, whisper your words of reassurance. When we do not reflect your divine image within us, remind us that we are your people. When we neglect to respond to your call, bring us back to our faith. By your grace, bathe us in your abundant love, so that we might confidently claim who we are as your beloved ones, and respond with our whole hearts, 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: 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 grow in deeper likeness.

Beloved, 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

Jeremiah

1: 4-10 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

*More Love to Thee*

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:

14-21(NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON  
D. Cherry

*"Anointed to Love"*

The Rev. Ann

## *RESPONDING IN LOVE*

CHORAL HYMN

*I Love You, Lord*

Hymn No. 627

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Confession of 1967*

Gladys

Chamberlayne

**Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry, and is responsible for the integrity of his witness in his own particular situation. He or she is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and subject to its advice and correction. He or she in turn, in their own competence, helps to guide the church.**

**In recognition of special gifts of the Spirit and for the ordering of its life as a community, the church calls, trains, and authorizes certain members for leadership and oversight. The persons qualified for these duties in accordance with the polity of the church are set apart by ordination or other appropriate acts and thus made responsible for their special ministries.**

HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service vs. 1*

Laurel Choir

A LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

Leader: There are different gifts.

**People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving our Forever God

**People: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: Love works through different people in different ways.

**People: Yet, it is the same God who brings Love forth through us all.**

Leader: Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit to advance love;

**People:** **And to use it for our common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

**People:** **And individually members of this beloved community.**

Leader: Though we have different gifts, we all are made in the image and likeness of God and have been given the ministry of love.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular functions, such as ministers and elders.

As a church family, we recognize these special gifts, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you desire to be great must become the servant of all."

**People:** **Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life to set others free, so we too are called to serve in Christ's name, to be God's love in this world.**

QUESTIONS OF OFFICERS-ELECT AND CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRONOUNCEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

## *BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD*

SENDING HYMN  
614

*Great Are You Lord*

Hymn No.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

**Lay Reader:** Thank you to Gladys Chamberlayne for serving as our liturgist today.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day to the glory of God and in honor of our newly ordained and installed elders.

**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 our Friendship Pads. It is important that we have a way to contact you even if you think we might already have your information. Please provide us with a (cell) phone or email contact. Friendship Pads can be found at the end of the pews : )

**Congratulations to Our New Officers:** Today we have the honor and privilege of ordaining and installing Gladys Bowles and Denis Ramdas and installing Tod Balsbaugh, Brenda MacRae, Duane Berger and Michael Henderson.

**Session Meets Today:** Our Session will meet right after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Officer Training:** We will meet by Zoom at 7 pm on Tuesday night, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Small Group meets Thursdays at 1 pm:** Led by **Chris Rhoden** of VCU, we are reading *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. This group is meeting in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

**Vision Task Force:** Our Vision Task Force will meet right after church next Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Sanctuary.

**The Lamb Basket:** The Circle has asked that we think outside of the pantry box and bring in items that we find on sale to refill our Lamb Basket. The donation box is located in the Narthex.

**February is “Reach Out Month”:** This is the month to reach out to new and old friends to pass on some Laurel Love. We are one phone call, email or text away from making someone’s day : )

**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.

**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>

**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.

**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 follow the link to our YouTube 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.

**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

**One Captain Needed for our Online Community:** We need a captain to nurture and shepherd our online community. If this opportunity captures your imagination, 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.

**COVID Notification Updated:** The Session adopted this policy to reflect our values around practicing love for each other as we engage our evolving pandemic life. If you have been at a church event or at the church when preschoolers were present and test positive for COVID, please let Reverend Ann know or a member of the COVID Task Force (Brenda MacRae, Mary Scarce or Ann Whitby).

Important to note that it will be up to the discretion of the person with COVID to self-disclose. That said, it will be that person's responsibility to also contact trace. Should this be difficult to undertake, the COVID task force and session, as well as Reverend Ann, are happy to help in any way they can.

When we have a member of our community test positive, our COVID Task Force will meet and then advise the Session.

One thing we have learned through this global pandemic is that we are all interconnected and impact each other. The good news is that we are all in this together and held together by Laurel Love, which is the Love of God, as lived out among this Body of Christ. We are committed to each other and to living in this respectful way of love.

**COVID-19 Protocols:** The Session has adopted these recommendations on the advice of our COVID Task Force to keep us safe at worship:

- Protective masks are required for all. Please consider upgrading for better protection.
- Pews are roped off in order for us to sit every other one; 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.
- Worship leaders may speak without their masks but will remain masked while seated.

Freestanding hand sanitizer stations are now available at both entrances thanks to a generous church gift. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, “all shall be well” and it appears that this latest surge of COVID is receding and soon we will be on the other side of this variant.

**Free COVID Test Kits:** Four COVID tests are available per household either by going here <https://www.covidtests.gov/> or by calling this number [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233). If you need assistance obtaining this resource please let us know.

**February Shepherds of the Month:** Gladys and Marshall Chamberlayne are our Shepherds of the Month for February. You can reach the Chamberlaynes at (804) 755-6172. Our 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.

**Call to Prayer:** Let us be in prayer for all those who are suffering, who are marginalized, who are carrying heavy burdens, who are grieving, and for all first responders. Let us continue to pray that we will claim the Love that claims us in Christ as beloved ones of our Creator God.

## 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

Rob McBane, Treasurer

J. David Clatterbuck, Director of Music

Wayne Deisher, Bookkeeper

Chris Rhoden, Small Group Leader

Gladys Bowles, Elder, SP Team

Linda Coulson, Elder, MCM Team

Denis Ramdas, Elder, SP Team

Diane Jackson, Elder, MCM Team

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**Let Love Be Known Here**