



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Epiphany 5*

February 6, 2022 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*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*As the Deer*

Hymn No. 626

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tod Balsbaugh

**Leader:** Loving Creator, the universe declares your goodness each day.

**People:** **The oceans, the fish, the turtles, all declare your glory.**

**Leader:** Loving Creator, the universe declares your love!

**People:** **Let us respond by declaring our awe and bravely following.**

\*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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn No. 611

*RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Beloved One, you call us to hard tasks, and we often want to run and hide. You call us to fish for people, and we often feel unequal to the task. You ask us to collaborate in ministry, but we often rely on ourselves and our own resources. You remind us that the kingdom of God is now, but we often think that it is too beyond us to practice. Help us to let go of our expectations and fears. Give us your courage, so that we**

**might respond to being caught by your love 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 Luke 5: 1-11 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Our Lord Reigns* Laurel Choir

SERMON *"Caught"* The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*RESPONDING IN LOVE*

CHORAL HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour (vs. 1, 4)* Hymn No. 735

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4* Tod Balsbaugh

**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.**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (vs. 1)*

Hymn No. 498

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 One, you commanded light to shine out of darkness . . .  
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 . . . 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 HYMN

*Take My Life (vs. 1, 3, 6)*

Hymn No. 697

CHARGE AND BLESSING

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

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

**Lay Reader:** Thank you to Tod Balsbaugh for serving as our liturgist today.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day by Mary Jane Bowlin to the glory of God and in memory of Lillian Kelley and Stafford "Flash" Bowlin, to honor their birthdays.

**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 : )

**Circle Meets February 8 at 10 am:** Please join us for a robust Circle meeting and study on Tuesday, February 8, in our fellowship hall, moderated by Gladys Chamberlayne, and study led by Carol Short.

**Our 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.

**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>

**New Officer Ordination and Installation:** Please join us to ordain and install our new officers next week.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 living with or treating COVID 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.

## **Laurel Presbyterian Church**

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**Let Love Be Known Here**