



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Transfiguration

February 27, 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

Carol Short

Leader: Climb up the mountain of God with Peter, John and James.

People: God's glory shines like the sun.

Leader: Climb up the mountain of God with all the faithful.

People: Christ's glory shines like the sun.

Leader: Climb up the mountain of God with Jesus.

People: The Spirit's glory shines like the sun.

Leader: Come, climb up the mountain of God!

People: We have come to climb, to behold, and to reflect the glory of God!

*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

God Is Here! (vs. 1 & 4)

Hymn No.

409

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann

D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the mountain tops and the valleys, we imagine the faces of Jesus, Moses and Elijah shining with the radiance of your glory, and we pretend that we would not look away in fear or feel relieved when we are shielded from the effects of your power, but we know better. We long to be invited like Peter, James, and John to witness your glow, but we secretly suspect that we too would be weighed down with sleep or feel the need to speak when we should be listening. Cohabitate with us in our cloud of unknowing and equip us to climb your mountain, to face our fears, and to embrace your calling as your kingdom people, 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

Exodus 34: 29-35 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9: 28-36 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Insider Knowledge"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL HYMN

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (vs. 1 & 3) Hymn No. 192

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Carol Short

We profess that Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Hymn No. 66

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 Carol Short and Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Carol Short and in honor of Rick's birthday.

Passing of the Peace: You are invited to stand and greet each other with waves, air hugs and elbow bumps 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 :)

Lent is Just Around the Corner: Wednesday to be exact. We will be practicing together how to lead with the heart of God as we pilgrimage with our Suffering Servant for the 40-day journey into the wilderness. A guided prayer chart will be provided as a way to show love to yourself and to our world. Holy Week will include another wonderful cantata on Palm Sunday, a Maundy Thursday service, and a Good Friday experience. Weekly Lenten devotions will be included in our bulletins to deepen our walk with Jesus as he surrenders to Love.

Shrove or Fat Tuesday: You might think of this day as our last hurrah before we enter the wilderness with our Suffering Servant. In the past, our ancestors would clean out the pantry to use up all the left-over celebratory foods from Christmas. Some traditions mark this day with foods like pancakes, some with Madri Gras celebrations. However we mark it, let us ask God to show us how to walk with Jesus on festive days and on hard days, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday: Join us on this Wednesday, March 2nd at 6 pm, as we gather as a beloved community to mark the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes. Our ashes are composed of old palms from past Palm Sundays, thanks to the love and care of the Bergers.

Our Small Group meets Thursday 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. Masks are required.

First Sundays Starts Next Week: We are bringing our Team Meetings back on the first Sunday of each month right after worship. We have three options for your consideration: Member Care & Missions (MCM), Stewardship & Property (SP), and Worship and Education (WE). Please join us **next Sunday, March 6**, and consult God for where you are most needed :)

Choir Rehearsals: Please let David Clatterbuck, Director of Music know if you are interested in joining us. We will be practicing on Wednesday this week, March 2, at 5 pm. As always, we 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>

Parlor Love: Thanks to the TLC of Brenda MacRae, Linda Coulson, Diane Jackson, Duane Berger, Steve Scearce and Chris Rhoden, our Parlor is undergoing a face lift. Please feel free to stop by to check it out :)

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

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, 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 and to 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/March 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 Shepherd of the Month for March is Gladys Bowles. You can reach Gladys at (804) 266-0541. 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 fighting addiction, suffering, who are marginalized in any way, who are carrying heavy burdens, who are grieving, and for world peace especially given the Ukraine and Russia conflict. Let us continue to pray that we will claim the Love that claims us in Christ, and make love known through our actions.

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