



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Lent 1

March 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 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days (vs. 1 & 3)* Hymn No. 166

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tod Balsbaugh

Leader: We gather to remember that we are formed, named and called beloved.

People: Especially as we are tempted to live from our smaller selves . . .

Leader: We come to remember who we are as beloved and precious.

People: Especially as we gather to claim our true selves inside of Jesus.

Leader: We come to remember that we are made from Love.

People: Especially as we are tempted to react to unkindness with the same.

Leader: We come to remember that we are made to be love.

**People: Especially now as we walk with our Suffering Servant to expand his
footprint of Love through our very own.**

*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

As Morning Dawns (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Hymn No. 665

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved One, even when the Spirit drives us into the Wilderness, you are there with us. Your Presence goes with us as we accomplish the tough work of the cross. You ask us to be love even when challenged to return unkindness with unkindness. You know how we yearn to live out of your image and likeness but find ourselves trusting our lesser selves more than you. Help us to trust that you use even our missteps as a compass to living more deeply out of your kingdom ethic. Guide us each day to live more fully from your heart space found in our true selves, for we pray this through our Suffering Servant, 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 4: 1-13 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"True or False?"* The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

CHORAL HYMN

When We Are Tested

Hymn No. 783

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Tod Balsbaugh

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 ANTHEM

With This Bread, With This Wine

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 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

When We Are Living (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Hymn No. 822

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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 to the glory of God by Karen Johnson and Carl Carpenter and in memory of their mothers, Pauline Johnson and Dorothy Carpenter.

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 :)

****Next Sunday, Worship at 11 am**:** Our Session has approved that we move our worship to 11 am next Sunday to blunt the loss of an hour with the advent of Daylight Saving Time. Remember to move your clocks an hour ahead on Saturday night.

Lent is Here: We will be practicing together how to lead with the heart of God as we pilgrimage with our Suffering Servant these next 40-days in the wilderness. A guided prayer chart, *Leading from the Heart of God*, is provided as a way to show love to yourself and to our world. Weekly devotions are included in our bulletins to deepen our walk with our Suffering Servant as he surrenders to Love and shows us how to do likewise. Holy Week will include another wonderful cantata on Palm Sunday, a Maundy Thursday service, and a Good Friday experience.

First Sundays Starts Today: Our team meeting will convene right after worship on the first Sunday of the month. We have three options for your consideration: Member Care & Missions

(MCM), Stewardship & Property (SP), and Worship and Education (WE). Please join us where you have energy and joy for the work :)

Our Circle Meets Tuesday March 8, 10 am: Please join us for a robust Circle meeting and study on Tuesday (March 8) in our fellowship hall. The meeting is moderated by Gladys Chamberlayne, and the bible study is led by Carol Short.

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.

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>

Session: Our Session will meet next Sunday immediately after worship :).

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

March Madness, Laurel Love Brackets: Laurel Love will take to the court again for the Men's NCAA Tournament. Winner(s) takes bragging rights and snag a Costco-size jar of Peanut M&M's. You can submit as many brackets as your heart desires. Winner(s) decided by highest % of winning games and by winning team. We are participating in the ESPN Tournament Challenge brackets. You can download the ESPN TC app from the app store on your smart phone. Submissions open next Sunday, March 13th at 9 pm and remain open until tipoff on Thursday (at noon). Our group bracket name is Laurel Love. Our password is: LaurelLoveWins

Good Samaritan Offering: Today we will receive our Good Samaritan Offering to assist those in our community who need an extra boost of love. Please earmark your checks in the memo line with "Good Samaritan Offering."

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

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.

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.

March Shepherds of the Month: 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.

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.

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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