



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Lent 2

March 13, 2022 11:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

David Clatterbuck

J.

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Gladys Chamberlayne

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days (vs. 1 & 3)* Hymn No. 166

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord,

People: **and I will sing and make a melody to the Lord!**

Leader: The goodness of the Lord shall be seen in the land of the living!

People: **Wait for the Lord, be strong, and let our hearts take courage.** *(Adapted Psalm 27)*

*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.

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 35

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Loving Guide and Protector of your children, when Jesus began his walk toward Jerusalem, he knew the journey could cost him his life.

All: **When we cannot see the road ahead, we are tempted to turn back instead of trusting the path you lay before our feet.**

Pastor: When Herod threatened to kill Jesus, he remained with the people, casting out demons and healing the afflicted.

All: **When trouble comes, we are tempted to run away and protect ourselves, rather than remain with those who need our help.**

Pastor: Facing the cross, Jesus longed to gather the people as a hen gathers her brood beneath her wings.

All: **Forgive us when we are not willing to take shelter in your loving arms.***
(Sokolove, Deborah, 2021)

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!**

*OUR 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

Philippians 3: 7- 4:1

(NRSV) CHORAL ANTHEM

Blest Are They

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13: 31-35 (NRSV)

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

SERMON

"Sheltering In Place"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (vs. 1-3)

No. 213

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Gladys Chamberlayne

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!

*OUR RESPONSE

Doxology

Hymn No. 606

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Henderson

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise (vs. 1, 3, 4)

No. 12

*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 Gladys Chamberlayne and Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Michael Henderson in memory of his father, H. Lee Henderson.

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 :)

Masks are Now Optional: Our Session adopted the recommendations of our COVID Task Force last week and starting today, March 13, masks are optional. We want you to feel supported in whatever choice is right for you :) Lots of gratitude to the COVID Task Force of Brenda MacRae, Mary Searce and Ann Whitby.

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 :)

Back to Normal Time, Next Sunday! Daylight Saving Time is here, and we will return to our 10 am worship time next Sunday.

Lent is Here: We are practicing together how to lead with the heart of God as we pilgrimage with our Suffering Servant over 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.

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

March Madness, Laurel Love Brackets: Laurel Love takes to the courts again for the Men's NCAA Tournament. Winner(s) take bragging rights and a Costco-size jar of Peanut M&M's. You can submit as many brackets as you wish. Winner(s) decided by highest % of winning games and also by winning team – so two opportunities to brag. We are participating in the ESPN

Tournament Challenge brackets. You can download the EPSN TC app from the app store on your smartphone. Submissions open tonight Sunday, March 13, and remain open until tipoff on Thursday at noon. Our group name is **Laurel Love**. No password is required to enter a bracket for our group. Be sure to identify yourself on your bracket (s) so we know to congratulate you when you win :)

St. Patrick's Day, Laurel Style, 2:30 pm: What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than with your fellow Laurel Irish Ones? Just bring your green spirit and join us this Thursday, March 17 at 2:30 pm, at Country Style Donuts, for some green donuts. Green clothing and hair are optional :)

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.

Choir Rehearsals: Please let David Clatterbuck, Director of Music know if you are interested in joining us. We typically practice on Thursdays at 5:30 pm but practice is canceled for March 17th.

Vision Task Force: Our task force will meet right after worship next Sunday, March 20th, in the parlor.

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 :)

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.

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.

***Our Prayer of Confession:** Our prayer today comes from the *Abingdon Worship Annual 2022* and is written by Deborah Sokolove for the Second Sunday of Lent liturgy.

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.

Call to Prayer: Let us be in prayer for all those fleeing from Ukraine, for all those providing support and supplies to refugees, and to all those working for peace. Let us be in prayer for all those fighting addiction, suffering, fighting cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, and who are marginalized in any way. Let us continue to pray that we will claim the Love that claims us in our Suffering Servant, by making love known through our healing work.

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

J. David Clatterbuck, Director of Music

Chris Rhoden, Small Group Leader

Linda Coulson, Elder, MCM Team

Diane Jackson, Elder, MCM Team

Brenda MacRae, Elder, MCM Team

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