



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Easter 2

April 24, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Diane Jackson

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Is Alive!

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Short

Leader: Come, Easter People, come and know abundant life!

People: We come claiming our resurrected lives!

Leader: Come, Easter People, come and know the gift of risen life!

People: We come to claim our forever life in God!

Leader: Come, Easter People, come and gather in Love!

People: We come to claim the forever Love 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

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (vs. 1,2,4)

No. 240

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever Loving God, the excitement and joy of Easter is fading, and our doubts and fears are creeping in. We somehow need to touch to believe. We long for the peace that Jesus brought to his disciples, but we feel too vulnerable and afraid to ask. We long to affirm with Thomas, “My Lord and my God,” but we lack the conviction. Forgive our doubts, our fears, and our reluctance to rise as Easter People. Incorporate our questions into your great mystery of faith. Give us the courage and conviction of those first disciples—disciples who overcame their fear and doubt to become mighty witnesses, for we pray this in the name of the Risen One, who is and was and always will be, our Christ.

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

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Stained Glass

Laurel Choir

SERMON

"Doubting and Believing"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

No. 250

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed 1.2

Carol Short

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

*OUR RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn No. 609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

No. 254

*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

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 for serving as our liturgist today.

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. Please provide us with a (cell) phone or email contact. Friendship Pads can be found at the end of the pews :)

Therapist-in-Residence Program: Join us today, Sunday, April 24, for an info session about our Therapist-in-Residence program. Chris Rhoden will be leading this conversation about this exciting new ministry.

Vision Task Force: Our VTF will meet today, Sunday, April 24, immediately after the Therapist-in-Residence conversation in the Parlor :)

Our Small Group meets on Thursday at 1 pm: We are starting a new book, *Let your Life Speak*, by Parker Palmer. This would be an awesome point to join the conversation. Chris Rhoden facilitates this group.

Firepit Happy Hour and S'mores: Join us this Wednesday, April 27th, at 6:30 pm to celebrate the awesomeness of Easter with a BYOB and S'mores event in the church parking lot around a roaring fire. All are welcomed :)

Baby Gear Needed: Member Care and Mission has partnered with First Presbyterian Church to assist single mothers at the CrossOver OB clinic and the Latino's Empowerment Program. The following items are needed by April 30th :

- diapers (all sizes, but particularly size 6)
- baby wipes and blankets
- gently used strollers, car seats and cribs
- new underwear (for women and children)
- socks, baby clothing, toys
- gas and grocery gift cards

We have a box in the Narthex to place items in. You can also donate by making an offering at fprichmond.org/give with "Latino Empowerment Center" in the memo. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

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.

Ukraine Love: Many of you have wondered how we might support peace efforts in Europe, displaced and disrupted families, and medical aid for those impacted. The first thing we can do is to keep praying. The second thing we can do is to help fund relief efforts. You can do this through:

- The Presbyterian Church (Missions):
pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/
- The Red Cross: redcross.org/donate/donation.html/
- St. Jude's Research Hospital (coordinating care and evacuation of children undergoing treatment): stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html

Transportation Love: Our MCM Team is coordinating rides for those unable to attend our in-person worship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway if you would like to be a Laurel "uber" driver. Contact Gladys Chamberlayne or Mary Jane Bowlin if you would like to request a ride or for more information. Gladys can be reached at either sidneychamberlayne@comcast.net

or 1-804-755-6172 and Mary Jane can be reached at either maryjanebowlin@gmail.com or 1-804-221-1072.

Companion Program: Member Care & Mission (MCM) is exploring whether there is a need to establish a Companion Program for members of our congregation. The companion would provide company for members of our congregation in order for their caregiver to run errands, go to lunch, or see the doctor themselves. If you and your family would be interested in this program, please contact Mary Jane Bowlin at 1-804-672-6009 (maryjanebowlin@gmail.com) or Linda Coulson at 1-804-519-4507 (appygirl2@hotmail.com).

Kettle o'Fish Counseling: Each of us is created by God with purpose and infused with meaning no matter our season of life. If you are interested in exploring yours, please reach out to Chris Rhoden at 1-804-220-1583. "Be known. Be loved."

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.

Masks are Now Optional: Our Session adopted the recommendations of our COVID Task Force and masks are now 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 Scarce and Ann Whitby.

April Shepherd of the Month: Our Shepherd of the Month for April is Nana Sarfo-Kantanka. You can reach Nana at (804) 922-3557. 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, fighting cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, and who are suffering or 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.

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