



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES
D. Cherry

The Rev. Ann

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Gladys Chamberlayne

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the Living God

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Diane Jackson

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

People: We are eager for you to pour out your Spirit of Truth upon us.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

**People: Where our sons and daughters, our old men and women,
dream dreams and see visions.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

People: Where all your people know they are heirs of your kingdom! *(Adapted from
Acts 2, Romans 8:17)*

*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.

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved and Ever Present God, you pour out your Spirit upon us, and give us dreams and visions, and yet we often ignore them. We think you could not possibly ask us to be your church of movement and vitality at our age! We think you could not possibly ask us to pursue our own dreams at our age! We think that you could not possibly clothe us with power to heal, to uplift, to tend to your sheep at our age! Help us to let go of our fears that we are not enough or do not have enough to embody your dreams for us. Let your whispers and the holy nudgings penetrate the noise of our denials. Let your Spirit of Truth lead us to be the vibrant people you have called us to be so that our very lives might testify to the flow of your love through all of life, for we pray these things 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!

*OUR RESPONSE

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (vs. 3)

Hymn No. 280

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.**PROCLAIMING LOVE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-11a (The Message)

ANTHEM

Create In Me

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 14-21 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Connected to the Dream Maker"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1,2,3)

No. 291

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4

Diane Jackson

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*OUR RESPONSE

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 4)

Hymn No. 291

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	<i>We Are One In the Spirit</i>	No. 300
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
*POSTLUDE		J. David Clatterbuck
*RECESSION AND GREETING		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

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

Lay Reader: Thank you Diane Jackson for serving as our liturgist today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Duane Berger in honor of Janice in celebration of their anniversary.

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 :)

Recession and Greeting: Ann will recess after the charge and benediction to greet us by the front door in the narthex area. She would like to have an opportunity to touch base with every

one of us before we leave for the day. This is one pre-pandemic ritual that she would like to reinstate, with an ounce of physical distancing as an extra precaution :)

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 :)

Today is Pentecost Sunday: We are celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit this day, and the birthday of the church, to empower us to be the church to make God's love known. Red cupcakes will be served outside.

Pentecost Offering Received Today: A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Pentecost Spirit: A special thank you to our Worship and Education Team for the festive presentation of the Holy Spirit this day! You quickened our hearts and enlivened our spirits! If you're wearing RED, you have spirit!

Good Samaritan Offering Received Today: This is our small way to show some love to those in a pinch.

First Sundays: Our three teams will meet right after worship today. The Worship and Education Team will meet in the choir loft, the Member Care and Missions Team will meet in the Parlor, and the Stewardship and Property Team will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed.

Our Thursday Small Group: Please join the conversation on Thursday, at 1 pm, as we continue to unpack Parker Palmer's book, *Let Your Life Speak*, and reflect each other's preciousness.

Join our Sunday School: We are gathering at 9 am in the parking lot on nice days and in the fellowship hall on rainy or hot days. All are welcomed. We are doing a series of "one-off" education programs so that we can dip in and out of class without worry.

Lingering Next Sunday: Member Care and Missions is hosting a Lingering to welcome Hannah Miller to our church. Please stay behind to introduce yourself and show some Laurel Love.

Hannah Miller Joins Us Next Week: Hannah Miller, our summer seminary intern, begins her internship with us next week. She has just completed her first year at Union Presbyterian Seminary and will be with us from June 12 through August 17. You will see her in the pulpit next Sunday, making pastoral calls, and getting to know us as she learns the ropes, and the practice of speaking love through this church. Our team to support Hannah is Duane Berger, Mary Jane Bowlin, Diane Jackson, Brenda MacRae and Judy Smith.

Circle Next Week: Our Women's Circle will meet next week on Tuesday, June 14th, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the two chapters on Mary, Lessons 7 and 8. Please join us. Gladys Chamberlayne is our moderator, and Carol Short is our bible leader.

Choir Rehearsals: The choir will still be singing through July and will take a sabbath for the month of August. Thursday June 16th will be our last practice until the fall. Please let David Clatterbuck, Director of Music, know if you are interested in joining us. We practice on Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

Community Groups at Laurel: Chris Rhoden is forming several groups beginning this summer. You are welcome to participate as you feel led. You can sign up on the bulletin board, or text Chris at (804) 220-1583. If you would like to participate but cost is a factor, there are options: (1) **use your medical insurance plan** (some plans are accepted) (2) pay what you can (3) pay it forward with community service (4) reach out to Ann Cherry for financial assistance.

1. **"Use Your Inside Voice – Writing for Creativity and Exploration"** will meet weekly starting June 23rd at 3 pm in our Parlor. The cost for this group is \$75 for 4 meetings.
2. **"Wednesdays at Laurel"** will meet every other Wednesday at 1 pm and is designed to meet the needs both of those with memory struggles and their caregivers. One group will meet with Chris and the other with Ann. The cost is \$30 a meeting. Contact Chris or Ann if interested.
3. **"Tattoos On Your Heart: A book group for men."** We will read *Tattoos On your Heart*, written by Fr. Greg Boyle. This group is facilitated by Chris. **Sign-up sheet on bulletin board** or you can text Chris at number above. Group time to be determined after we know who is participating.
4. **"Co-Habiting with Grief."** A six-week group to explore how we live on and live through the loss of beloved one. This group will be facilitated by Chris and Ann. **Sign up on the bulletin board** or text Chris or Ann. Group time to be determined after we know who is participating. Cost is \$30 a session.

Masks are Still Optional BUT Risk is High:

COVID Update June 1: Masks continue to be optional in worship and at all church gatherings; however, Henrico County is currently in the High Risk category, and the CDC is recommending masking at indoor public spaces.

Please stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, get tested if you have symptoms, and if you are at high risk for severe illness, take the necessary precautions advised by your healthcare professional.

Lots of gratitude to the COVID Task Force of Brenda MacRae, Mary Scarce and Ann Whitby who are remaining vigilant to monitor COVID developments.

NRSVue: After 30 years, the NRSV has been updated to reflect the writings of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are roughly 2000 years old. Thirty scholars were commissioned by Friendship Press, the National Council of Churches, and the Society for Biblical Literature to create as literal and unencumbered an English translation as possible. We will be using this latest translation as it makes sense in worship. The added “ue” means updated edition.

SCAM alert: It has come to our attention that some members of our congregation have been targeted by scam emails or texts requesting your assistance to purchase gift cards for the staff. The email address and text contained “Rev Ann” as if it were coming from our minister, but it was not. Ann’s email/text does not contain “Rev Ann.” If you get a message like this, please be aware that this is a SCAM. Do not reply, follow any links provided in the email or text, or send money or gift cards.

On occasion, we may ask your support in the form of gift cards for special events or to show our Laurel love to individuals or organizations. We will reach out by phone to contact you in addition to an email that might give you a heads-up about a drive to raise gift money.

We hope to soon have an online donation feature added to our website, thanks to the hard work of Pete MacRae and the approval of our Session, which will be a better way to make these kinds of contributions.

Ann’s email is laurelpres.cherry@gmail.com and her phone number is (804) 508-3850.

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

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 (804) 220-1583. If you would like to participate but cost is a factor, see the options below. “Be known. Be loved.”

Important Update on Chris Roden’s services: Chris is transitioning from a student to a professional practitioner. He is not a paid staff member of Laurel as much as we love him and have created space to support his ministry. He will be able to accept many insurance plans, or you can opt to pay what you can, pay it forward with community service, or reach out to Rev. Cherry for financial support. Please don’t be shy about asking Chris about his fee structure or what insurance plans he accepts. Our well-being is an important part of our stewardship of self and telegraphs that we are invested in cultivating our own unique belovedness (as given to us by God).

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.

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

Next Stated Session Meeting: We will meet on the fourth Sunday this month, June 26th, for our regularly scheduled Session Meeting.

Documentarian Sought: If you are a detail person, love to organize, like to track data, please let Rev. Cherry know. We are seeking a Documentarian for our Clerk of Session to maintain our church records.

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.

We want you Comfortable: 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. We have 2 dedicated armchairs 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.

June Shepherd of the Month: Our Shepherd of the Month for June is Mary Jane Bowlin. You can reach Mary Jane at (804) 672-6009. 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 for all those working for peace. Let us be in prayer for all those fighting addiction, battling cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, or those who are suffering, forgotten or marginalized in any way. Let us continue to pray that we will claim the Love that claims us in our Risen One, by making love known through seeing our own and each other's belovedness.

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