



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Pentecost 5*

July 10, 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

*Spirit of the Living God*

Laurel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: What does the Lord require?

**People: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: Who is our neighbor?

**People: The one who shows endless mercy.**

Leader: How do we express our love of neighbor?

**People: By loving God with all of our hearts, minds, strength, and souls.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the source of all Love

**People: Who equips us with love so that we might love one another.**

\*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

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

No. 408

*RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hannah P. Miller

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, the fullness of you exceeds all structure, crosses every boundary, and surpasses any human understanding. Yet we confess that sometimes we cling too tightly to our limited perspective. We search for you in easy answers and quick solutions. Forgive us for the ways we make you smaller than you are. Forgive us for the times we distort your expansive presence as we strive to fit you neatly into our individual agendas. Empower us to replace our desire for certainty with open minds and receptive hearts. Grant us the wisdom to know the fullness of your love, and guide us as we discern what new revelations you have to share.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Hear the good news:

God's grace is expansive beyond measure, and there is nothing we can do that will separate us from the love of God. Believe this good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*OUR RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

Hymn No. 581

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*PROCLAIMING LOVE*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Amos 7: 7-17 (NRSVue)

ANTHEM

*Gather Us In*

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 35-37 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*"Kingdom Seeing"*

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*RESPONDING IN LOVE*

\*HYMN

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

No. 707

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith 11.2*

Gladys Chamberlayne

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*OUR RESPONSE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn No. 609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hannah P. Miller

## *BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD*

\*SENDING HYMN

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (Repeat Once)*

No. 747

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

\*POSTLUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

\*RECESSION AND GREETING

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

**Lay Reader:** Thank you to Gladys Chamberlayne for serving as our liturgist today.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Laurel Love in honor of Michael Henderson for his wonderful service as our Acting Clerk this last year and a half.

**A big shout-out to Michael Henderson:** Michael Henderson stepped up in January 2021 to fill the shoes of our outgoing clerk, Carl Johnson, and has served diligently in this role for a year and a half. We learned through Carl and Michael's service that the role of Clerk was too big for one person to fill. We are so grateful to all who have served in this role and to Michael who quickly got up to speed on Presbyterian polity to act in this role.

**Flowers of Appreciation:** Our Wednesdays at Laurel group prepared flower arrangements for our new clerk, Duane Berger, and for our new bookkeeper, Pete MacRae. They are placed on the communion table in honor of their service.

**Passing of the Peace:** You are invited to stand and greet each other in the name of our Beloved One to show forth your Laurel Love : )

**Recession and Greeting:** Ann and Hannah will recess after the charge and benediction to greet us by the front door in the narthex area.

**Friendship Pads:** Old and new friends, please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads and provide us with a (cell) phone or email contact. The red pads can be found at the end of the pews.

**“Use Your Inside Voice – Writing for Creativity and Exploration:”** continues this Thursday at 3 pm in the Parlor. Just bring who you are and some paper to explore your preciousness. Light snacks will be provided. Text or call Chris at (804) 220-1583 for more information. This is available at no cost to Laurel members.

**Church Love Saturday:** We are cleaning the air filters across the church this Saturday at 9 am. There is a job for each one of us across our varying degrees of mobility and flexibility : )

**Vision Task Force:** The Vision Task Force will meet next Sunday after worship in the Parlor.

**Lunch Bunch:** Please join us for lunch next Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Potro’s Mexican Restaurant, 9074 Staples Mill Road

**Our Thursday Small Group:** Will not meet until July 21<sup>st</sup>. At this time, we will be starting a new book, *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr. This would be an excellent time to jump in and join us.

**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.

**Our Director of Music:** With deep regret David Clatterbuck, has announced he will be leaving our church. His last Sunday is August 21<sup>st</sup>. David has served in this role for the last 16 years and his extraordinary gifts match his extraordinary heart. The Session accepted his resignation with regret and sad hearts. We are trusting God with our next steps. We will be recognizing David in August.

**The Choir:** We will be singing through July and will take a sabbath for the month of August. We will not rehearse again until September.

**Director of Music Search Committee Appointed:** The Session appointed Glenda Miller, chair, and Gladys Bowles, Vickie Chapman, and Denis Ramdas to serve. We will keep the congregation updated. Please feel free to share your thoughts with them.

**Interested in Joining Laurel?:** On Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Session will receive new members before worship at 9:30 am in the Parlor, and during worship, our new members will be welcomed. If you are interested in joining this sweet church, please contact Rev. Ann Cherry at (804) 508-3850.

**Henrico Police Love:** The Member Care and Missions Team is hosting another lunch for Central Station on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be feeding approximately 38 people. Our menu is ham, ham salad and chicken salad, biscuits, snacks, small cold salads, fruit in covered containers, cookies, cupcakes, bottled water, and lunch-sized fruit drinks. Want to contribute? Contact one of the following: Sue Bell (804) 266-9429, Mary Jane Bowlin (804) 672-6009, or Duane Berger (804) 405-1894.

**Homeless Care Kits:** The Member Care and Missions Team is collecting items to create care kits for us to give out at streetlights to those needing some extra love. A box has been placed under the coat rack in the hallway for these items: Large Ziplock bags, bottled water, toothbrush and paste, protein bars, cheese or peanut butter crackers, small hand sanitizer, small pack wipes, small tissue packs, washcloth, small soap or all in one soap, socks, mints, and band aids.

**Captain for Supplies:** We are seeking someone to manage our church orders from office supplies to custodial products. This person would track and place orders in place of our pastor. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Diane Jackson at 804-747-6315, of Personnel, or Duane Berger, our Clerk, at 804-876-3414.

**Interested in Sky Diving?** Calling all thrill seekers. Hannah Miller is organizing a group that might like to give sky diving a whirl, or another whirl. The cost is \$230 a jump and a video can be purchased for \$70. The company is No Limits Skydiving, located in West Point, VA. If this interests you, reach out to Hannah at [hpmiller02@gmail.com](mailto:hpmiller02@gmail.com)

**Community Groups at Laurel:** Chris Rhoden has formed several groups this summer. You are welcome to participate as you feel led. You can sign up on the bulletin board, or text or call Chris at (804) 220-1583. There is no cost for Laurel Members.

1. “Use Your Inside Voice – Writing for Creativity and Exploration” meets weekly at 3 pm in our Parlor.
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. Next meeting is July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Masks are Still Optional BUT Risk is High: COVID Update July 3:** Masks continue to be optional in worship and at all church gatherings; however, Henrico County is currently in the High Risk category reporting a 22 % positivity rate, 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.

**New Bookkeeper Appointed:** The Session approved with enthusiasm Pete MacRae as our new bookkeeper. He is replacing Wayne Deisher, who has served faithfully in this role for many years. We extend our gratitude to both men.

**New Clerk and Documentarian Named:** The Session nominated and appointed with joy Duane Berger as our new Clerk, and Michael Henderson as our new Documentarian. This is a 6-month appointment as we try out these two new roles and see where God is leading the Session. We are

grateful that Duane and Michael are following their energy and willing to try out these two new roles.

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

**Bulletin Content:** Hannah Miller, our seminary intern, was responsible for writing the Prayer of Confession and the Prayers of the People.

**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."

**Session Endorses Chris Rhoden Transition to Professional:** Chris is transitioning from a student to a professional practitioner this summer. The Session has created space for him at the church to support his ministry. However, as much as we love him, he is not a paid staff member of Laurel, and the Session is encouraging Chris to receive payment for his services. Please don't be shy about asking Chris about what insurance plans he accepts or his fees. 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

**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.

**We want you to be 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.

**July Shepherd of the Month:** Our Shepherd of the Month for July is Barbara Rose. You can reach Barbara at (804) 749-3209. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

**Call to Prayer:** Let us be in prayer for all those impacted by violence, fighting addiction, battling cancer, carrying heavy burdens, impacted by the Ukraine/Russian war, grieving, suffering, forgotten, or marginalized in any way. Let us continue to pray that we will claim the Love that claims us by our Beloved One, by making love known through our belovedness.

## **Laurel Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry, Minister

J. David Clatterbuck, Director of Music

Chris Rhoden, Small Group Leader/Therapist-in-Residence

Hannah P. Miller, Seminary Intern

Duane Berger, Clerk, Elder, WE

Michael Henderson, Documentarian, WE

Brenda MacRae, Elder, MCM Team

Rob McBane, Treasurer

Peter MacRae, Bookkeeper

Gladys Bowles, Elder, SP Team

Tod Balsbaugh, Elder, SP Team

Linda Coulson, Elder, MCM Team

Diane Jackson, Elder, MCM Team

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