



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 7

July 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

Mary Jane Bowlin

Brenda MacRae

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Breathe On Me Breath of God

Laurel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Whitby

Leader: Come, seek, and you will find Love.

People: With joy, we find God's love all around us.

Leader: Knock, and the door will be opened until you!

People: With gratitude, our prayers are heard.

Leader: Ask, and it shall be given to you!

People: With humility and praise, our souls are nourished.

Leader: Come, let us worship our forever God!

People: With love, we come to know God's belovedness, and our own.

*GATHERING HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (vs. 1,2,4)

No. 331

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we allow so much to prevent us from living into the fullness to which we are called. We turn away from you, from each other, and from our true selves. We dim your light within us when we get stuck in our pride, our self-righteousness, our need for control. We ask that you call us back. Back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Remind us that we are yours. Help us to reignite your light within us.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Hear the good news:

We were each created in the image of God, who loves us, and invites us every day to remake ourselves toward that image. Friends, 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

Luke 11: 1-13 (NRSVue)

ANTHEM

Shout Amen!

Laurel Choir

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Ask"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

No. 175

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Belhar Confession

Michael Whitby

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

*OUR RESPONSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1)* Hymn No. 306
PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS Duane Berger, Stated Clerk
NEW MEMBERS PROFESSION OF FAITH
BLESSING AND WELCOME
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Michael Henderson

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.

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (vs. 1,3)* No. 753
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
*POSTLUDE J. David Clatterbuck
*RECESSION AND GREETING

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

Lay Reader: Thank you to Michael Whitby and Michael Henderson for serving as our liturgists today.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Mary and Steve Scarce in memory of Mary's mother, Jane C. Gilley.

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.

New Members Received: We are thrilled to officially welcome Carrie and Claude Dickerson into our Laurel Family. The Dickerson's are a very special family with strong Presbyterian roots. The Session received them this morning prior to our morning worship by Affirmation of Faith :). If you would like to join Laurel too, just reach out to our minister.

"Uncorked": Please join our conversation on Tuesday, July 26th, at 5:30 pm for wine and cheese. We will be discussing cultural issues from a faith lens. All women are invited, and feel free to bring along a friend :). Non-alcoholic options are available.

"Beloved" on Thursday: Please join us this Thursday, July 28th at 1 pm in the Parlor as we begin reading *Falling Upward*, a book by Richard Rohr. This is an excellent time to jump in and join this group. No prior group experience is needed :)

Next Sunday, July 31st Outdoor Worship Singing and Ice Cream Social: Join us next Sunday, July 31st, for an outdoor service under the trees (back of parking lot), filled with our favorite hymns, followed by an ice cream social.

Central Station Police Love: Thank you to all who prepared or contributed food for the feed-the-police mission at Central Station. Thank you to all of you who delivered our love in person – especially to Sue Bell, Duane Berger, Mary and Steve Scarce, Jim Smith, Kathy Boyce and Mary Jane Bowlin.

Hannah Miller Teaching Sunday School: Join Hannah as she digs into leading us to think more deeply about *Unity in Christ*. We will be discussing what it means to find unity in our Christian faith while honoring and exploring the different lenses through which we all view the world. We'll look at insiders and outsiders in the Bible and consider the boundaries that keep us separate today. Hannah is teaching this 4-part series from July 24th – August 14th. 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.

Laurel Receives Small Church Grant: Our Therapist-in-Residence program received a \$5K church grant from the Presbytery of the James for this coming year. A big shout out to Linda Coulson and Chris for their research and writing. This grant will allow us to launch a pastoral care ministry that equips our people to care for others and to offer small groups and pastoral counseling at no costs to our members. Chris Rhoden is serving as our pastoral counselor. He will be graduating from VCU next month with a graduate degree in clinical counseling.

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

Women's Bible Study/Circle: Next year's Women's Circle Bible Study is *Celebrating Sabbath and Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. Select passages from the Old and New Testaments will be included. We meet at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall on the second Tuesday of each month starting in September. The regular-print study book is \$11 and the large print book is \$16.50. We need to place our book order for the fall now.

To order a book, please contact Carol Short (804) 922-6227 or email her at carolrshort@aol.com. Monthly Circle meetings are a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other Christian women as we study God's word together.

The Belhar Confession: The Belhar Confession was added to the PC (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions by the 222nd General Assembly in 2016. It was a statement of faith written in 1982 to reflect the union of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa.

Covenant Approved: We are pleased to report that the Committee on Ministry, of the Presbytery of the James, approved the Covenant between our Minister and the Session of Laurel Presbyterian. Ann's Covenant is renewed yearly in July.

Our Director of Music: With deep regret David Clatterbuck, has announced he will be leaving our church. His last Sunday is August 21st. 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 rehearse again in September.

Director of Music Search Committee Appointed: The Session appointed Glenda Miller, chair, and Gladys Bowles, Vickie Chapman, and Denis Ramdas to serve. The job description has been approved by the Personnel Team and is now posted. We will keep you updated as information is available. Please keep the Search Team in your prayers.

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, sneaker socks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, small hand sanitizers, small pack of wipes, small tissue packs, washcloth, small soap or all -in-one soap, socks, mints, and Band Aids. We will post a sign so you can readily see what are needs are week to week.

Office Manager Sought: We are seeking someone to manage our church office and administrative functions, from office supplies to bulletin love. This is currently an unpaid position. If you are a detail person and enjoy working with others, please contact Diane Jackson at 804-747-6315, of Personnel, or Duane Berger, our Clerk, at 804-876-3414. Even if this sounds too big to tackle, but you are drawn to a small part of it, please let us know :)

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

Masks are Optional BUT Risk is High: COVID Update July 21: 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.

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. "Be known. Be loved."

Ginger Lanier has Moved: 1712 Fox Creek Circle, Henrico VA 23238. Her phone number is (804) 658-0613 :)

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 as the spirit moves you. Your comfort is key, so please 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, claims us by our Beloved One, by making love known through our belovedness.

Laurel Presbyterian Church

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