



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

*Pentecost 13*

September 4, 2022 10:00 AM

*Where Love is Known*

PRELUDE

Nancy Newins

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Gladys Chamberlayne

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Spirit of the Living God*

Hymn No. 288

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tod Balsbaugh

Leader: Smack in the middle of this Labor Day Weekend we have gathered to praise God for our work – from laboring as a student to contributing as a member of the “Third Third.”

**People: We come thankful for every morsel of meaning chalked into our lives.**

Leader: We come grateful to participate in the unfolding of your unending work, Creator God!

**People: Come, let us worship; let us love; let us rejoice that the work continues, let us sing with joy!**

\* HYMN

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs.1,- 3, 6)*

No. 687

*RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Steadfast God, we have sought to follow you without counting the costs, but our tanks are running empty, and we are afraid we can't go the distance. We have hidden in the crowd, ignoring the call of Jesus to pick up our cross and follow. We**

**have hidden in the stories we tell ourselves: that we will attend to our spiritual walk someday – just not this day. Help us to access our motives and intentions, even as we ponder our need for the journey. Redirect us to our true selves hidden in Christ to discover your precious treasure of strength and joy for this journey. Give us the courage to know that we have what it takes to take flight, for we pray this in the name of Jesus, who is and was and always will be, our Christ** (adapted from the work of B.J. Beu).

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. 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

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 (NRSVue)

ANTHEM

*Come to the Table of the Lord*

Laurel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*"Formed to Spread our Wings"*

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

### *RESPONDING IN LOVE*

\*HYMN

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

No. 828

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith 11.2*

Tod Balsbaugh

**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. 606

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*

*HYMN	<i>I, the Lord of Sea and Sky</i>	No. 69
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
*POSTLUDE		Nancy Newins
*RECESSION AND GREETING		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

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

**Lay Reader:** Thank you to Tod Balsbaugh for serving as our liturgist today.

**Welcome Nancy Newins:** We are excited to welcome Nancy Newins to Laurel. Nancy comes to us with a rich background in choral, organ and piano leadership and performance. She has passion and heart. We are excited that God led Nancy to us, and are thrilled to welcome her with Laurel Love.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Laurel Love in honor of Nancy Newins, who joins us this day as our new Interim Director of Music.

**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 : )

**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.

**FIRST Sundays will Meet Next Sunday Except for MCM:** Due to the Labor Day Holiday, First Sunday Team Meetings have shifted a week. Plan on staying after worship next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Member Care and Missions Team will Meet Today:** The MCM Team will meet today right after worship in the Parlor.

**"Beloved" Small Group meets Wednesday:** Please join us this Wednesday at 1 pm in the Parlor as we continue reading *Falling Upward*, a book by Richard Rohr. *We are now meeting every Wednesday.*

**Women's Bible Study/Circle:** It is that time of year again! Our Women's Circle Bible Study is *Celebrating Sabbath and Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. We will meet at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall on the second Tuesday of each month starting next Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Gladys Chamberlayne is our moderator and Carol Short is our teacher.

**Welcome Back to Our Choir:** The choir will rehearse again on September 1, at 5:30 pm, with Nancy Newins, our Interim Sub.

**Director of Music Search Team:** The Session has appointed Glenda Miller, chair, and Gladys Bowles, Vickie Chapman, and Denis Ramdas to serve as our Director of Music search committee. The job description is posted. We will keep you updated as information is available. Please keep the Search Team in your prayers.

**School Supplies Needed:** The MCM Team is collecting school supplies for The Academy at Virginia Randolph, an exciting alternative school for middle- and high- school students. Supplies needed include backpacks, spiral notebooks, highlighters, notebook paper, legal pads, and folders. You can drop your gifts in the box located in the hallway underneath the coat rack. The last day to contribute is September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**More Gear Needed for Homeless Care Kits:** 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 our needs are week to week.

**Auto Kits Available:** Please feel free to take a kit for your car to hand out with our love and blessing. They are located in the Narthex.

**Online giving Coming to Laurel:** The Session approved an online giving option this past Spring. The project is nearing completion, and the opportunity to give online will be rolled out on October 2nd. Online giving allows a donor to make contributions using a credit or debit card through a safe portal. About half of the churches in the Presbytery already provide this option. Special thanks to Pete MacRae for researching and running point on this project.

**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."

**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 back of our outdoor worship 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

**Interested in Joining Laurel?:** We would love to have you. If you are interested in joining this sweet church, please contact Rev. Ann Cherry at (804) 508-3850.

**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.

**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.

**The Prayer of Confession:** Adapted from the work of B. J. Beau, published in the *Abingdon Worship Annual*, 2022, September 3.

**September Shepherd of the Month:** Our Shepherd of the Month for September is Michelle McBane. You can reach Michelle at (804) 432-3760. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

**Rev. Ann Away until September 15:** Should you have a pastoral need, please reach out to Chris Rhoden at (804) 220-1583, or by email, [chris@kettleofish.com](mailto:chris@kettleofish.com); or to the elders of the Member Care and Missions Team, Linda Coulson, Diane Jackson or Brenda MacRae.

**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, and all of us who are struggling to claim the love that claims us as beloved ones, and then trying to it out in this world, by making our love known.

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