



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Pentecost 18*

October 9, 2022 10:00 AM

*Where Love is Known*

PRELUDE	<i>Chorale in G Major</i>	Mary Campbell
RINGING OF THE HOUR		Janice Berger
WELCOME BELOVED ONES		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
MINUTE FOR MISSION		Diane Jackson

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP		Mary Campbell
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: We sing to the glory of God's name!**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**People: We see your handiwork everywhere and it fills us with awe!**

Leader: Come and see what God has done!

**People: We delight to reflect the wonder and the glory of your Love** (Psalm 66 1-5 adapted).

*HYMN	<i>God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>	No. 716
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*RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all that is and is to come, forgive our lack of seeing you in everyone and everywhere. We too often overlook you in the outsider, in the different, in the least of these. What the Good Samaritan saw as a neighbor in need, the religious ones**

**ignored. It is easy to lose sight of you as the God of all of us when we operate by our own labels and sort by like-mindedness. Equip us to see as you see so that we might see your goodness everywhere and give you praise, for we pray this in the name of Jesus, 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. Friends, believe this good news!

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

\*OUR RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

Hymn No. 581

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## *PROCLAIMING LOVE*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 (The Message)

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Mary Campbell

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17: 11-19 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*"Find the Good, and Praise It"*

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

## *RESPONDING IN LOVE*

\*HYMN

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord (vs. 1, 4, 5)*

No. 796

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Confession of 1967*

Gladys Chamberlayne

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals *God's***



**Session:** Our Session will meet right after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**“Finding God in the Cracks of Loss” meets tomorrow night:** Come and join us tomorrow night at 6 pm in the Parlor as we continue our 8-week journey to find God in the cracks of our losses. This small group will dive into what makes us so human and vulnerable, and yet surprisingly, what also opens us up to the fresh movement of the Spirit.

**Circle:** 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 the Parlor on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Gladys Chamberlayne is our moderator and Carol Short is our teacher.

**“Beloved” Small Group Meets Wednesday:** Our Beloved Group will meet on Wednesday at 1 pm in the Parlor as we continue reading *Falling Upward*, a book by Richard Rohr.

**Wednesdays at Laurel:** Please join us for a service project this Wednesday at 2:30 pm. We will gather in the Parlor.

**Untapped Moves to the Third Tuesday of the Month:** Our men of the church will meet on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm at JJ's Grille at Cross Ridge Shopping Center for connection and a deeper look at our culture from a faith lens.

**Made in God's Image?** Most of us easily affirm that all people are made in God's image, but as our society and church definitions of family and marriage change, we may feel challenged by how these new definitions fit within the context of church leadership. Join us for pizza and an open conversation exploring these questions on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am in the Parlor.

**Church Picnic:** Mark your calendars for Saturday October 22, 2022, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., to attend our annual church picnic. Denis Ramdas has graciously offered to host the event again this year. Please bring your appetite, drinks, lawn chairs, **and** a side dish **or** brownies. Duane Berger will be smoking pork for a pulled pork lunch. Hotdogs will also be available. For dessert, brownies topped with ice cream will be served. All paper products and utensils will be provided. If it rains, we will host an indoor picnic in our fellowship hall. Please sign up on the sheet posted near the coat racks with your name, and side dish or brownie selection.

**Clay Pots:** Please dig out those unused clay planter pots lying around your house and bring them to the Parlor. We are collecting for our Christmas service project. Our hope is to paint and grow paper whites to share those who cannot find their way to church.

**Faith and Blue:** Join us right after church on Sunday, October 30, to linger and chat with Henrico County Police officers in order to cultivate an even better understanding and appreciation of their work in our community.

**Annual Church Directory Update – Not just for “Members”:** The directory will be updated in October. If you have any changes to your information or would like to be added to our directory, please send your information to [marcia.deisher@comcast.net](mailto:marcia.deisher@comcast.net) or provide this data to Marcy Deisher in person on Sunday mornings. This information is also needed for our regular visitors

who will be listed as friends of the church. The directory includes your name, address, email address and phone number (cell and home). You can decide what information you would like listed with your name. This information is for church contact purposes only and is not distributed outside the church family. Please submit by Halloween.

**Online giving is Active:** The Session approved an online giving option this past Spring. 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. You can use the QR code (quick response) by opening your camera app on your phone and scanning it. The QR code is found in the pews and on the back of this bulletin and it will link you to the secure donation site. You may also choose the new "Online Giving" tab at [LaurelPres.com](http://LaurelPres.com) and follow the link there, or the instructions for downloading the giving app. Special thanks to Pete MacRae for running point on this project.

**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.

**Big Shout-Out from the Virginia Randolph School:** VRS would like to thank Laurel Church for the generous amount of school supplies donated. "They will all be used by our kids," the school told Margaret Fitch.

**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

**Ian Help:** If you would like to help those impacted by Hurricane Ian, please consider donating to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Here is the link: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

**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.

**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.

**October Shepherd of the Month:** Our Shepherd of the Month for October is Carol Short. You can reach Carol at (804) 922-6227. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

**Call to Prayer:** Let us be in prayer for all those impacted by Ian, the Ukraine/Russian war or violence, fighting addiction, battling cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, or suffering, and for all of us who are struggling to claim the love that claims us as beloved ones, and to live it out in this world.

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