



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Pentecost 20

October 23, 2022 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE	Margie Heath
RINGING OF THE HOUR	Janice Berger
WELCOME BELOVED ONES	The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Mary Jane Bowlin

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP	Margie Heath
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Gladys Chamberlayne

Leader: There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

People: We come to give thanks for them.

Leader: As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me!"

People: We come to ask for guidance and courage.

Leader: We come, each of us, like those who have done before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us as we are and fills us with the Spirit, so that we are emboldened to carry on the torch of love, of faith, from this generation to the next.

People: We come to worship our Forever God, as God's forever people.

*HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 32

RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Possible, as your forever people, we forget that you are our forever God. That you are the God who pours out your spirit upon us and sustains us from

generation to generation. You are the God that passes on your love so that we might pass it on to everyone else. Shower us with forgiveness when we forget who you are as our God, and who we are as your people. Remind us that we are sustained moment to moment by your goodness, and not our own. Empower us to let go of our need to secure ourselves when you already have that covered. And give us the strength to not only dream dreams but to put into practice your vision for Laurel, and for your kingdom to come, here and now, 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

Joel 2: 23-28, 32 (NRSVue)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Margie Heath

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4: 1-9 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Cultivating the Same Mind as Christ Jesus"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

No. 450

*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 love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in the receiving of sinful people.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who make all things to serve the purpose of God's Love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith, the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

*OUR RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn No. 606

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

No. 363

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

Margie Heath

*RECESSION AND GREETING

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

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

Welcome to Margie Heath: We are thrilled to welcome Margie Heath who will be here with us for one more week. She has played for different churches in Richmond, and also played as a substitute between times. She was a violinist in the Richmond Symphony from 1988-2021. Margie also plays as an accompanist for chapels and choir rehearsals at St. Catherine's School on Grove Avenue.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Phyllis Perross in memory of her sister, Patricia Morris.

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.

Vision Task Force Meets Today: Join us right after worship in the Parlor as we continue to discern God's dreams for us that are always bigger than our own.

"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.

"Uncorked" Meets on Tuesday: Our women of the church will meet on Tuesday, October 25th, at 5:30 pm, in the Parlor, to take a deeper look at our culture from a faith lens. Gladys Chamberlayne is bringing the love with cheese, crackers, and veggies.

"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.

Next Sunday: We will have a special worship service brought to us by the Worship and Education Team to celebrate All Saints Day, November 1st. Rev. Cherry will be officiating at a baptism out of state.

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

Church Picnic: Thank you for all those who made yesterday's picnic such a bash. Special love goes out to Denis Ramdas for hosting, to Duane Berger for cooking, and to the MCM Team for organizing. And of course, this could not have happened without each one of you bringing your love to the event. Laurel knows how to have fun.

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 the pots and grow paperwhites to share with those who are not able to join us for in-person worship.

Last Call for the Annual Church Directory Update – Not just for "Members": 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 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 and follow the link there, or the instructions for downloading the giving app. Special thanks to Pete MacRae for running point on this project.

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/>

5 Cents a Meal Offering – Help the hungry in Richmond and beyond with your contribution to this monthly offering. 100% of your money goes to buy food and support local food pantries. Please write "5 Cents" on your check or envelope.

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.

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.

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."

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, those that are 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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Philippians 4:6-9, *The Message*

4 My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.

⁴⁻⁵ Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, *revel* in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!

⁶⁻⁷ Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

⁸⁻⁹ Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

Philippians 4:1-9, *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

4 ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

⁴ Rejoice^[b] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[c] ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^[d] these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:1-9, *J.B. Phillips New Testament*

4 So, my brothers whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, do stand firmly in the Lord, and remember how much I love you.

⁴⁻⁵ Delight yourselves in God, yes, find your joy in him at all times. Have a reputation for gentleness, and never forget the nearness of your Lord.

⁶⁻⁷ Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.

⁸⁻⁹ Here is a last piece of advice. If you believe in goodness and if you value the approval of God, fix your minds on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good. Model your conduct on what you have learned from me, on what I have told you and shown you, and you will find the God of peace will be with you.