



LAUREL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Welcomes You to Worship!*

*Pentecost 22*

November 6, 2022 10:00 AM

*Where Love is Known*

PRELUDE

Don Moro

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*GATHERING AROUND LOVE*

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Moro

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tod Balsbaugh

Leader: Children of the Living God, why have you come to this house of worship?

**People: We come to worship the God of the living.**

Leader: Children of the Loving God, what do you bring to honor the Holy One?

**People: We bring our hearts full of hope and love.**

Leader: Children of the faithful God, how will you worship our God?

**People: We will worship our God with awe, joy and endless thanksgiving!**

\*HYMN

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

No. 645

*RECEIVING LOVE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you are forever patient with our literal understanding and ways of applying truth, and we are grateful. When we fast track people by putting them into a box, forgive us. When we seek a platform to be heard rather than to understand, forgive us. When we lose sight of seeing you in each other, forgive us. When we neglect to see the deeper truths of who we are and how we are all connected, forgive us. Help us to keep on connecting to your bigger truth for our identity, values, and**

**understanding which always reorients us and allows us to discover again who we really are and to whom we really belong; 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

Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 (The Message)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Don Moro

SCRIPTURE

Luke 20: 27-38 (NRSVue)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Seeing The Deeper Truths”

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

### *RESPONDING IN LOVE*

\*HYMN

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

No. 417

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4*

Tod Balsbaugh

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

\*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

*Thine Is the Glory*

No. 238

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

\*POSTLUDE

Don Moro

\*RECESSION AND GREETING

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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 Back to Don Moro:** Today we are pleased to welcome back Don Moro to Laurel. Don has been a substitute organist in the Richmond area for over 14 years. He studied at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, where he received organ lessons from Dr. David Craighead. He lives in North Chesterfield with his wife, Deborah, and three sons.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Joan McArthur and Denis Ramdas in memory of their beloved Malcolm McArthur.

**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:** Our Teams will meet right after worship today. Please consider staying after church to participate. All are welcome. Worship and Education (WE) meets in the choir loft, Member Care and Missions (MCM) meets in the Parlor and Stewardship and Property (SP) meets 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 Meets Tuesday:** Please join us at 10 am on Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall to continue the Sabbath conversation.

**“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.

**A Big Shout-Out to the WE Team:** The Worship and Education (WE) Team created a powerful and impactful worship service last week as we earmarked the trifecta of All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The saints who have come before us are very much a part of who we are as we embrace God’s future for us. Thank you to Sue Bell, Duane Berger, Bernie Cheatham, Michael Henderson, Mary Scarce and Rudy Van’t Riet for their research, writing and execution of this service.

**Two Advent Devotional Small Group Start-Ups:** Starting the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>, our Beloved small group will begin a 4-week Advent series led by Ann Cherry and Chris Rhoden at 1 pm on Wednesdays. In addition, a nighttime small group will be offered online on Tuesdays at 7 pm through Zoom. Only Ann will lead this second group. All are welcome to come and savor this “thin space” as we anticipate the birth that changed all others. The cost for a devotional book is less than \$10. Books for the online group will be left in the parlor with a box for you to drop a check (or cash) to Chris Rhoden.

**Clay Pots Needed:** 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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**November Shepherd of the Month:** Our Shepherds of the Month of November are Margaret and Reggie Fitch. You can reach the Fitches at 804-755-7201. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

**Rev Ann:** Will be away this week and back in action on Monday November 14. If a pastoral emergency arises, please reach out to one of the elders of our Member Care Team or contact Chris Rhoden at (804) 220-1583. The elders of the MCM team are Linda Coulson, Diane Jackson (804) 747-6315 and Brenda MacRae (804) 314-6671.

**Hannah Miller Returning Next Sunday:** Hannah, our amazing seminary intern, will be in the pulpit next Sunday.

**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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**Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21, *The Message***

I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King!  
and I'll bless your name into eternity.

<sup>2</sup> I'll bless you every day,  
and keep it up from now to eternity.

<sup>3</sup> GOD is magnificent; he can never be praised enough.  
There are no boundaries to *God's* greatness.

<sup>4</sup> Generation after generation stands in awe of your work;  
each one tells stories of your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup> Your beauty and splendor have everyone talking;  
I compose songs on your wonders.

<sup>17</sup> Everything GOD does is right—  
the trademark on all his works is love.

<sup>18</sup> GOD's there, listening for all who pray,  
for all who pray and mean it.

<sup>19</sup> *God* does what's best for those who fear *God*—  
hears them call out, and saves them.

<sup>20</sup> GOD sticks by all who love *God*,  
but it's all over for those who don't.

<sup>21</sup> My mouth is filled with GOD's praise.  
Let everything living bless *the Lord*,  
bless *God's* holy name from now to eternity!

**Luke 20: 27-38, *The New Revised Standard, Updated Edition (NRSVue)***

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man<sup>[a]</sup> shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

<sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> **Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.** <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to *God* all of them are alive."