



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

EASTER

April 9, 2023 10:00 AM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE	<i>Entrada (John Dixon)</i>	Steve Henley
PROCESSION OF VESTMENTS		Session Members
RINGING OF THE HOUR		Janice Berger
WELCOME BELOVED ONES		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Alive</i>	Laurel Choir
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Linda Maddy

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

Leader: Our weeping turns into Joy!

People: Love conquers the grave!

Leader: Light shines in the darkness!

People: Hope is alive!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

*HYMN	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	No. 232 (vs. 1,2,3)
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RECEIVING LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION		The Rev. Ann D. Cherry
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*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Linda Maddy

We profess that Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

*OUR RESPONSE

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

No. 248 (vs. 1)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

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

*HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

No. 238

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

*POSTLUDE

Toccata (Percy Fletcher)

Steve Henley

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

Lay Reader: Thank you to Linda Maddy for serving as our liturgist today.

Steve Henley, our Guest Organist: Steve Henley served Bon Air Presbyterian Church for 20 years and retired from there January 2022. He directed an active music program at Bon Air, directing children, youth, adult choirs, handbell choirs and an active concert series.

Passing of the Peace: You are invited to stand and greet each other in the name of our Beloved One to greet each other with 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.

Procession of Vestments: Thank you to our elders Wayne Alvis, Duane Berger, Michael Henderson, Linda Maddy, Brenda MacRae and Ann Whitby for carrying in the symbols of the church as we celebrate that God has raised Jesus from his grave.

Resurrection Sundaes: Join us right after worship as the celebration continues on the front lawn with an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the WE Team, along with hot cross buns and Blue Bell ice cream, courtesy of the Vision Task Force.

Beloved Meets Wednesday at 1 pm: Join us in the Parlor as we continue digging into *Hope: A User's Manual*, written by Presbyterian minister MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Since we are listening to bite-sized pieces of this book before discussing it, any time is a good time to join the conversation.

Big Shout-Out to the Worship and Education Team: The WE team has been hard at work to bring to life the raw power of Holy Week and the power of the resurrection story, as we experienced this morning through the sunrise service and our traditional worship service. Duane and Janice Berger handled our Easter flower order and delivery. Michael Henderson handled our cross. Rudy van't Riet, Steve Scarce and Ann Whitby tended to our online service production. A warm thank you to the members of this team Sue Bell, Duane Berger, Janis Berger, Bernie Cheatham, Michael Henderson, Mary Scarce and Rudy van't Riet, for making God's love known in these concrete ways.

Sunrise Service Love: Lots of love to Sue Bell, who is a Presbyterian Commissioned Ruling Elder (serving as a Chaplain for the Henrico County Police Department), and who crafted the worship service, created the bulletin, and preached the sermon. Also, to Duane Berger and Michael Henderson, who served as liturgists this morning and oversaw the printing of the bulletin. And lots of gratitude to the Stewardship and Property Team for their physical support, and to the WE Team who birthed this service.

Holy Week Bulletin Love: A special shout out to LaVerne Miller and to Carolyn Stinger for printing 5 bulletins (and one extra) in this very tiny window frame. Their willingness to go beyond the call of duty at a moment's notice is heartwarming and inspirational. We thank them for this heavy lift.

Newsletter Love: Somehow each month, Brenda and Pete MacRae, pull together an amazing newsletter for us to savor and digest. They then mail and email it to us. The April issue was full of wonderful news and graphics that many of us refer to all month long. Their love is appreciated.

Attendance Love: Each Sunday afternoon, Marcie Deisher, pulls together the friendship pad data and sends Rev Ann a spreadsheet of our worship attendance. She keeps the records of our guests and of our addresses for the directory. Mary Scarce has also been known to gather the records for Marcie. We thank them for this behind-the-scenes gift of love.

Last Call for Cleaning Supplies for Safe Harbor: Today is the last day to donate. The items are printed on the box so you will know what to bring in. Please consider donating with us to this worthwhile group. Thank you.

Coal Pit Learning Center: Margaret Fitch of the Member Care and Missions Team has organized a program for reading to Coal Pit Learning Center children. Anyone can sign up to read to the kids. Any Tuesday or Thursday at 9:30 to 10:00am or 3:30-4:00pm. The children are four and five years old and Maria, the Director, suggested two stories or a craft. We would love to have men go too— just let Margaret know if you want to volunteer. You can reach Margaret at (804) 402-5737.

Bulletin Love Needed: Beginning May 1st, we need fresh volunteers to gather information and put together our weekly worship bulletin. If you have administrative gifts and enjoy organizing data and tracking lists, please see Ann Cherry or any member of Session. Until this gap is filled, we will be without a weekly bulletin.

Last Call for One Great Hour of Sharing: We are receiving this offering through today.

Another Seminary Intern Coming this Summer! The Session has voted to welcome David McDowell to our church this summer. He is a second-year student at Union Theological Seminary. He is a friend of Hannah Miller, who was our seminary intern last summer. Look for more information in May.

Team Needed to Support Seminary Intern: We are organizing a team that will rally around and support David's experience this summer from early June through early August. We are looking for those of you who are natural nurturers, who can provide honest feedback in a kind way, and who enjoy growing talent. If this interests you, please reach out to Ann.

March Madness Update: This year, it was a race to the bottom, in this bracket-buster madness. Congratulations to our winners: Judy Smith and Sharon Riley! Costco sized M&M's coming soon.

Interested in Joining Laurel? 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.

April Shepherd of the Month: Our April Shepherd of the Month is Nana Sarfo-Kantanka. You can reach Nana at (804) 922-3557. Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

Church Office Closed for Easter: Rev. Ann will be back with us on Monday April 17th. The Rev. Kerra English will be in the pulpit next Sunday, April 15th. Should you have a pastoral emergency please contact our Shepherd on Call, an elder from the Member Care and Missions Team, or Chris Rhoden. Beloved will meet as planned.

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. You can also give using our QR code on the back of the bulletin by opening your camera and focusing on the code.

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.

Call to Prayer: Let us be in prayer for all those impacted by the gun violence that ravaged another elementary school in Nashville, including for the shooter and their family; let us be in prayer for the stability of the banking market and for our global infrastructure, for the recent Norfolk Southern train derailment, for those suffering and impacted by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, from the misuse of power, by the Ukraine/Russia war, for those who are fighting addiction, battling cancer, carrying heavy burdens, grieving, or suffering. We pray also for our Director of Music Search, for Laurel to embody the bold vision God has set for us, for all of us to claim our gifts in God and to live them out in this world as "salt" and "light."

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