



Laurel Presbyterian Church

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Our Weekly Announcements

July 26, 2026

Flowers:

The flowers this day are given by Karen Johnson to the glory of God and in honor of Carl Carpenter, on his birthday, July 31st.

Happening Today:

Vision Task Force Meets Today: Our Vision Task Force will meet in the Parlor today.

Called Congregational Meeting Today: The Session has called a congregational meeting for after worship today for the purpose of electing our slate for the Nominating Committee that will field our next group of church officers. The Session has identified the following people to serve on our Nominating Committee to discern our next class of elders: Mary Jane Bowlin, Bernie Cheatman, Gladys Chamberlayne (chair), Margaret Fitch and Carolyn Stinger. If you would like to serve, please raise nominate yourself at our meeting today.

Happening This Week:

On Saturday, it is our Church Work Day: Join us at 9 am at the church to prepare us for the fall. This is sponsored by the Stewardship and Property Team. The team consists of Tod Balsbaugh (chair), Wayne Alvis, Marshall Chamberlayne, Billy Shepherd (elder) and Rudy van't Riet (elder).

Next Sunday, Sunday School Meets: Join us for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am. Thomas Miller is leading us in a study of James. Please come and bring a neighbor :).

Other Things to Know:

Lamb's Basket is now the 4th Thursday of the Month: We are now helping from 9-Noon on the 4th Thursday of the month to help fill a gap at the Lamb's Basket. Linda Maddy is our captain for the Lambs Basket.

Key Giving Opportunities:

Graice Engle is going to Camp Hanover Today! Gracie, the granddaughter of the Fitches, is going to Camp Hanover next Sunday. She is one of our sweet members who we baptized here two years ago. She is entering the 6th grade, and as her church family, we are responsible to nurture her as a Christian. If you would like to add a donation for her overnight experience, you may do so by writing a check to the church and earmarking it for Gracie for Camp Hanover.

Family G: We are purchasing gift cards from Walmart, Target and Marshall's for back to school clothes for a first, second and third grader. **Please give your gift cards directly to Gladys Chamberlayne by August 2nd.** We are also purchasing their school supplies. A list is posted on the bulletin board. They attend *Seven Pines Elementary School* in Henrico. You can drop off the supplies in bags earmarked in hallway.

Charleigh Love: We are collecting gifts for Charleigh (granddaughter of the Jones) while she is being aggressively treated for cancer. She is 7 and likes Campbell's Princess Soup, any arts and crafts, or things that she can enjoy while not feeling well. We don't want to leave Ryleigh, her sister out, and a gift card to Chipotle or Starbucks would tickle her. You can place your gifts in a bag marked with Charleigh's name in the hallway.

Lemonade Update: The lemonade drive to raise money for Charleigh's specific cancer was a huge hit. In excess of \$36K was raised that is being donated to Children's Hospital of Richmond for research. Thank you all for your participation.

Friendship Pads: Old and new friends, please let us know you are here. Providing us with a (cell) phone or email contact helps us keep you in the loop. This is also how we report our attendance to the national church :)

Please also note any updated address changes or additions :) Thank you.

Dr. Wiard Filling the Pulpit: Dr. Wirad will be filling our pulpit while Dr. Ann is on vacation on August 2 and 9th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to her directly.

We Want You Comfortable: You are invited to move (or not) as the spirit moves you. The coffee/cocoa bar is in the Narthex. Self-serve at any time. Restrooms are down the hallway.

Shepherd of the Month: Our July Shepherd of the Month is Gladys Chamberlayne. You can reach Gladys at (804) 755-6172. **This is a change.** Our shepherds provide member care and TLC.

New QR Code for Online Giving: Effective immediately we have a new QR code. It is correctly noted below and on our bulletin. This is a save and efficient way of giving to the church. Credit goes to Pete MacRae for setting this up for us.

Beloved will resume in September: Beloved is enjoying a summer break. We will be back together the first week of September. Look for new information about our small group offerings come late August. This will be an excellent time to participate.

Summer Sabbath: When we are exhausted it is hard to make sound decisions or engage in what most brings us to life. Sometimes it is even hard just to motivate ourselves to carry out our normal routines. The summer by virtue of the heat gives us permission to slow down, take naps, and soak up a gentler paced way of life. Laurel invites all of you to find ways of doing just that. Our teams are also invited not to meet one month during the summer. This is a time of play, renewal and restoration as the people of God. Expect that this will be challenging to do but you are invited into this holy rest because you are “precious, honored and oh so loved.”

Tithes and Our Offerings: Thank you for your Love!

We have placed a small, white, church house on the table outside and invite you to leave your gifts to support God’s work as you depart. There are two other ways to give: You can mail in your offering using our post office address at P.O. Box 1280, Glen Allen, VA 23060-1280. Or you can make a safe online donation by using our QR code (by opening your camera and focusing on the code) found below, on our bulletin, or through our website.

However you choose to support Laurel, we appreciate your faithfulness.

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"You are precious in my sight and honored and oh so loved." Isaiah 43:4