


Order of Worship		
<p>8:00 AM:</p> <p><i>Song Leader: Carl Wamble</i></p> <p>121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</p> <p><i>Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey</i></p> <p>228 Oh, How He Loves You and Me</p> <p>1015 Jesus Loves the Little Children</p> <p>371 And Can It Be That I Should Gain?</p> <p><i>Bread: Steve Jones</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Wayne Dellinger</i> <i>Giving: Mike Wilson</i></p> <p>863 I Love You with the Love of Lord (PFL)</p> <p><i>Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:14-21</i> <i>Zane Huckabey</i></p> <p>453 Love Lifted Me</p> <p><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p>719 Love One Another</p> <p><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p>679 They'll Know We are Christians (PFL)</p> <p><i>Closing Prayer: Mike Wilson</i></p> <p><i>Usher 1: Rutherford Wilson</i> <i>Usher 2: Bob Ozomah</i> <i>Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell</i></p> <p><i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and Praise for the Lord.</i></p>	<p>10:30 AM:</p> <p><i>Song Leader: Kevin Taylor</i></p> <p>986 Kum Ba Yah</p> <p>63 I Will Call Upon the Lord</p> <p><i>Call to Worship: Allen Pratt</i></p> <p>622 Ring Out the Message</p> <p>23 Our God, He is Alive</p> <p>324 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed</p> <p><i>Bread: Bruce Robins</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Del Meadows</i> <i>Giving: Antoine Johnson</i></p> <p>574 Oh, How I Love Jesus</p> <p><i>Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:14-21</i> <i>Mark Williamson</i></p> <p>959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus</p> <p><i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i></p> <p>464 Because He Lives</p> <p><i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i></p> <p>148 I Keep Falling in Love with Him</p> <p><i>Closing Prayer: Antoine Johnson</i></p> <p><i>Usher 1: John Birus</i> <i>Usher 2: Curtis Brooks</i> <i>Projectionist: Chuck Morris</i></p> <p><i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.</i></p>	<div>  </div> <p>Guest Guide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery and Training room are upstairs. Children's classes are downstairs. Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation. Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers. Communion cups are available in the foyer. <u>The cups will be picked up by the ushers after communion.</u>
		Serving Next Week: January 25th
		8:00 Service
		Brother of the MonthMike Wilson
		Song LeaderCharles Hamilton
		Call To WorshipJeff Watson
		BreadAlan Sandlin
		Fruit of the VinePalmer Young
		GivingEric Gilbey
		Scripture ReaderBryson Gilbey
		Closing PrayerEric Gilbey
		Usher 1Kevin Hogg
		Usher 2LeRoy Bell
		ProjectionistCarl Wamble
		10:30 Service
		Brother of the MonthDemetrius Morris
		Song LeaderBruce Robins
		Call to WorshipMichael Wilkins
		BreadJerry Prestridge
		Fruit of the VineSteve Koziol
		GivingJohn Jones
		Scripture ReaderMichael Ozomah
		Closing PrayerJohn Jones
		Usher 1Adrian Williams
		Usher 2Elijah Prestridge
		ProjectionistChuck Morris
Sunday Evening Worship	<p>We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.</p> <p>Wednesday January 21st</p> <p>Song LeaderMike Wilson</p> <p>Devotional LeaderAllen Pratt</p> <p>Closing PrayerAlan Sandlin</p> <p>ProjectionistCarl Wamble</p>	
Song Leader:Rodney Philyaw		
Call to Worship:Allen Pratt		
Scripture Reader:Antoine Johnson		
Lord's Supper:John Jones		
Closing Prayer:Bruce Robins		
Projectionist:Carl Wamble		



<p>Sunday:</p> <p>Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, Spanish service 12:15 pm Bible Classes: 9:30 am Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00</p> <p>Wednesday: Bible Classes: 7 pm</p> <p>Shepherds: elders@laurelchurch.net Kerry Clark: 301-317-3977 Bernard Foster: 410-782-9091 Vaughn Harvey: 443-902-5460 Allen Pratt: 410-730-.1075 Steve Thornton: 301-362-6785 Michael Wilkins: 410-480-4365</p> <p>Ministers: Ricky Cook - 443-521-4307 Ricky.Cook@laurelchurch.net Jesse Frerot - 318-477-9038 Jesse.Frerot@laurelchurch.net Manuel Martinez - 201-667-1391 Manuel.Martinez@laurelchurch.net</p> <p>Deacons: Chen Colunga Steve Jones Chris Forand Del Meadows Joe Ford Jerry Prestridge Eric Gilbey Bob Ozomah Emagii Graves Bruce Robins Antoine Johnson</p> <p>Secretary: Susan Ray office@laurelchurch.net 410-608-1177 7111 Cherry Lane Laurel, MD 20707 301-490-0777 https://www.facebook.com/LaurelmdCOC/ https://www.youtube.com/@laurelchurchmd www.laurelchurch.net</p>
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<p>The Greatest of All</p> <p>“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these <i>is</i> love.” <i>1 Corinthians 13:13</i></p> <p>Our theme here at the Laurel congregation for 2026 is “Growing in Love.” No one could reasonably argue the primacy of love in God’s plan. God is love – <i>1 John 4:8</i>. Love is the catalyst for our redemption – <i>John 3:16</i>. It is also the defining trademark of Jesus’ disciples – <i>John 13:35</i>. Thus, the devotion to growing in love must be a perennial pursuit of every child of God.</p> <p>The declaration of the apostle in 1 Corinthians 13 is that love is the greatest of all. When we understand the words of the apostle it further imparts to us the great need for us to grow in love. The declaration of the apostle is not a reference to competition among these Christian graces (i.e. – faith, hope, and love). Rather, it is a statement of fact based on the nature of these graces. All three of these graces are indispensable to the child of God. Concerning “faith” we know – <i>Hebrews 11:6</i> “But without faith <i>it is</i> impossible to please <i>Him</i>, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and <i>that</i> He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Concerning “hope” we are assured – <i>Romans 8:24</i> “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?”</p> <p>Why then does the apostle declare love to be the greatest of these? Because one day our faith will become sight and our hope will be realized. By contrast, love is eternal and will exist on into the life with God in Heaven. God’s love for us is demonstrated in the unfolding of redemption through Christ Jesus in the Bible. Our love for God, for one another, and for all humanity is demonstrated as we become living embodiments of the Father’s will. He calls us to do what He did first—to love. All glory to God! Amen!</p> <p>Because He lives, Ricky Cook</p>
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