

Order of Worship	
8:00 AM: <i>Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell</i> 892 The Steadfast Love of the Lord <i>Call to Worship: Bernard Foster</i> — How Great is Our God 552 Rejoice in the Lord 495 O the Depth and the Riches <i>Bread: Reggie Oliver</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Aaron Springer</i> <i>Giving: Palmer Young</i> 158 From Every Stormy Wind <i>Scripture Reading: Hebrews 5:1-9</i> <i>Eric Gilbey</i> 482 O Listen to Our Wondrous Story <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> 454 Nothing But the Blood <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> 129 Each Step I Take <i>Closing Prayer: Palmer Young</i> <i>Usher 1: LeRoy Bell</i> <i>Usher 2: Reggie White</i> <i>Projectionist: TBA</i> <i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.</i>	10:30 AM: <i>Song Leader: Kevin Nash</i> 83 God is So Good 589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms <i>Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey</i> 148 I Keep Falling in Love with Him 575 Shelter in the Time of Storm (PFL) 313 The Old Rugged Cross <i>Bread: Demetrius Morris</i> <i>Fruit of the Vine: Steve Koziol</i> <i>Giving: Kerry Clark</i> 118 God has Smiled on Me <i>Scripture Reading: Hebrews 5:1-9</i> <i>Cornelius Morris</i> 973 Everybody Will Be Happy Over There <i>Sermon: Ricky Cook</i> — Hide You in the Blood <i>Prayer Requests/Announcements</i> S-115 Hard Fightin’ Soldier <i>Closing Prayer: Kerry Clark</i> <i>Usher 1: John Birus</i> <i>Usher 2: Joe Ford</i> <i>Projectionist: Chuck Morris</i> <i>Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.</i>
Sunday Evening Worship	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.
Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell	
Call to Worship: Bernard Foster	
Scripture Reader: Zane Huckabey	
Lord’s Supper: Vaughn Harvey	
Closing Prayer: Vaughn Harvey	
Projectionist: Antoine Johnson	

A Warm Welcome	
Guest Guide:	
<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. The cups will Be picked up by the ushers after communion.	
Serving Next Week: August 24th	
8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Reggie White
Song Leader	Kevin Taylor
Call To Worship	Jeff Watson
Bread	TBA
Fruit of the Vine	Shaun Holt
Giving	Chris Forand
Scripture Reader	Reggie Oliver
Closing Prayer	Chris Forand
Usher 1	Kevin Hogg
Usher 2	Lester de Caires
Projectionist	Aaron Springer
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	John Jones
Song Leader	Allen Pratt
Call to Worship	Bernard Foster
Bread	Gwan Price
Fruit of the Vine	Emagii Graves
Giving	Antoine Johnson
Scripture Reader	Neal Wilkins
Closing Prayer	Antoine Johnson
Usher 1	Del Meadows
Usher 2	Ethan Graves
Projectionist	Bruce Robins



Sunday:	
Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, Spanish service 12:15 pm Bible Classes: 9:30 am Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00	
Wednesday:	
Bible Classes: 7 pm 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 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 Deacons: Chen Colunga Steve Jones Chris Forand Del Meadows Joe Ford Bob Ozomah Eric Gilbey Ronald Rivera Antoine Johnson Bruce Robins 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	

God – Our Refuge and Strength

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” *Psalm 46:1*

Psalm 46 paints a beautiful portrait of the peace and protection afforded to the children of God. Many are the accounts in the Bible of God’s providence, faithfulness, and power. One such account is that of God’s deliverance of Hezekiah from the Assyrian king Sennacherib – *2 Kings 18*. Against a terrible threat and seemingly impossible odds, God delivered His servant with a mighty hand.

In the same way that God showed Himself strong on Hezekiah’s behalf, so He still does for His children today. This was the firm conviction of the apostle Paul – *Romans 8:35-39*. The depth of the apostle’s conviction was such that we are exhorted – *Philippians 4:6-7* “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” What is the basis for such confidence and faith?

God is our refuge and strength. He is our safe haven and power. Stated another way it can be said that God is our defense and our offense. He protects, provides, and keeps us through our adversities by being the place where we can have safety and comfort. His love and power sustain us and vindicate our faith in Him. He is ever faithful, ever present, and always willing and able to supply our every need. Truly, He is our refuge and strength. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook