

# Bon Air Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2023  
25th Sunday After Pentecost  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

\* Please stand as able

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

Janet Watts

*O Lord Look Down from Heaven Above-* Johann Pachelbel

### Welcome

Rev. Alex Creager, Pastor

### \*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27)

The LORD is our light and our salvation;  
whom shall we fear?

**THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF OUR LIVES;  
OF WHOM SHALL WE BE AFRAID?**

"Come," our hearts say, "seek his face!"

**YOUR FACE, O LORD, DO WE SEEK.**

O Lord, God of our salvation, we worship and adore you,  
**HELP US TO MEET YOU HERE, WITH OPENNESS AND PRAISE.**

### \*Opening Hymn

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

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### Prayer of Confession

O Lord,

**there never seems to be enough time  
to do all the things that are demanded of us.  
Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock.  
We think we are ready for all events that will come our way.  
But we are rarely ready for you.**

**Forgive us, Lord,  
for trying to make you fit into our plans and schedule.  
Forgive us for missing you  
when you show up with surprise and wonder.  
You are the eternal God who has always loved us and been  
ready to receive us.  
Help us to love and receive you.  
Let us look at the priorities in our lives,  
and see where we have placed service to you. AMEN.**

### Silent Confession

## *Seeking and Serving Christ, Sharing God's Love for All Creation*

BAPC strives to be a  
diverse congregation —  
open, affirming,  
supportive of each other,  
and demonstrating  
faithfulness through  
worship, education,  
fellowship, and service  
that is valued by the  
whole community.

### BAPC Staff

Pastor/ Head of Staff	Rev. Alex Creager
Pastor for Family Ministries	Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley
Music Director	Meredith Himmelman
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Preschool Director	Barbara Gregory
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**The Prayer of Confession is by** (by Nancy Townley in Ministry Matters)

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Children are invited to either remain in worship with their families or head to the childcare room with Ms. Kellie.

There is a children's cart at the entrance to the sanctuary filled with books, children's bulletins, and coloring pages based on today's lectionary.

At the 11:00 service we offer a **Time for Young Disciples** followed by **Little Lights** in the elementary classroom led by our Pastor of Family Ministries, Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley.

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**Our Liturgists today are:**  
8:30 Rebekah Motley  
11:00 Ben Treanor

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.

**God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!  
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn**

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

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**Time for Young Disciples (11:00)** Rev. Rebekah Tucker-Motley

## Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Speak to us, living God,  
as you have spoken to our ancestors:  
**through the voices of your prophets,  
the breath of your Spirit,  
and the life of your Son,  
so that we may live according to your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading** - Psalm 27:1, 7-14

Liturgist

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup>If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they are breathing out violence.

<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong,

and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

## Second Scripture Reading - Matthew 25:1-13

25“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Message:**                      *“Keep Awake!”*                      Rev. Alex Creager

## Moment for Mission - Angel Tree

8:30 Linda Johnston / 11:00 Mindy Peters

## Affirmation of Faith: from Brief Statement of Faith

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.**  
**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!”**

### **Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

### **Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers**

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1–13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

### **Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1–13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob’s vision (Genesis 28:10–17).

You can give in-person or online at [bonairpc.org/giving](http://bonairpc.org/giving). If you give online, there are online giving cards in the pocket of the Fellowship Pad. Please take one and place it in the offering plate.

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## Offering

### Anthem

#### *Oil For Your Lamps - Rebecca L. Belliston*

Sung by Meredith Himmelman (8:30) Women's Chancel Choir (11)

The maidens sleep. Their lamps burn low.

Their wait continues still.

And then far off a cry goes up and echoes through the hills.

"He comes," they call, "The Bride-groom comes!

Prepare yourself for Him."

Alas the foolish have no oil. Their lamps are cold and dim.

We cannot live on borrowed light,

when midnight's darkest hour is near.

We must have oil to light our lamps, to greet the Savior there.

The oil comes drop by precious drop as

we do good and choose the right.

We need not live on borrowed light. The Spirit is my guide.

But five were wise.

They knew the wait would stretch into the night.

They brought the extra oil with them,

and now they trim their lights.

And while the five, the foolish five run out to buy their oil,

The Bridegroom comes. The door is shut. And they are left alone.

We cannot live on borrowed light,

when midnight's darkest hour is near.

We must have oil to light our lamps, to greet the Savior there.

The oil comes drop by precious drop as

we do good and choose the right.

We need not live on borrowed light. The Spirit is my guide.

Again the cry is sounding forth:

"The Bride-groom comes once more!"

Will I have oil enough to fill my inner reservoir?

I'll take the Spirit as my guide by living close to Him.

Then I can enter at the door when Jesus comes again.

I cannot live on borrowed light,

when midnight's darkest hour is near.

I must have oil to light my lamp, to greet the Savior there.

The oil comes drop by precious drop

as I do good and choose the right.

I need not live on borrowed light. The Spirit is my guide.

I'll take the Spirit as my guide.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* # 350

### \*Sending and Blessing

### Postlude

*Prelude in G-Major - J. S. Bach*

**WELCOME!** We are so grateful to worship with you today. We pray that you will experience the love of God and the presence of Christ in our midst.

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please let us know in the fellowship pad. Pastor Alex Creager would also love the chance to connect with you more. You can find him greeting people after worship by the main doors or contact him at [alex@bonairpc.org](mailto:alex@bonairpc.org).

### **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

We worship together every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The 11:00 a.m. service is livestreamed to Zoom and Facebook each week. To worship with us over Zoom, please contact Brenda Norton, Monday-Friday, at [office@bonairpc.org](mailto:office@bonairpc.org)

**Children in Worship** - It is our great joy to welcome and worship with children of all ages here at Bon Air Presbyterian Church. The sound of children is a joy for us, and children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families. As you enter, there is a **Children's Cart** full of books and activities for children to take into the sanctuary with them. In both services, professionally staffed **Childcare is available in our Nursery** just down the hall. An usher will be glad to direct you. And at the 11 a.m. service we offer a **Time for Young Disciples** followed by **Little Lights** in the elementary classroom, led by Pastor of Family Ministries, Rebekah Tucker-Motley. For more information, [rebekah@bonairpc.org](mailto:rebekah@bonairpc.org).

**Hearing Assistance** - The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. Those with a hearing aid or a cochlear implant, please turn it to the t-coil setting. Wireless hearing aids are available in the sacristy. Please see an usher for help in obtaining one.

**Prayer Requests** - As you enter the sanctuary doors, we have prayer request cards. If you have a specific prayer request for the week, please share it on the card, and hand it either to an usher or into the offering basket. We will be praying for you and your concern this week.

**Online Giving**, <https://bonairpc.org/giving/> The Stewardship Division is pleased to offer a method of online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. The Foundation is partnered with Vanco Payment Solutions, an industry leader offering secure, simple, and specialized electronic payment solutions. If you have any questions, please contact Ted McCormack at [tcmccormack@verizon.net](mailto:tcmccormack@verizon.net).

**Our Worship Services Are Recorded!** Did you miss a worship service? Was there something in a service that you would like to share with others? Our worship services are recorded and posted to the BAPC YouTube Channel. We do not identify children by any means. They are easily accessed from our website, [bonairpc.org/connect](https://bonairpc.org/connect).

**Offering cards can be found with the fellowship pads in each row.** If you give online or in another way you are invited to fully participate in the offering by placing an offering card in the plate as it passes you.

**Weekly News Blasts** are sent on Wednesdays and are filled with all the exciting things happening at our church. If you would like to be added, contact Brenda at [office@bonairpc.org](mailto:office@bonairpc.org).

## **THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Kathy Kelley** to the glory of God and in memory of Nancy Miller.

### **Poinsettia Orders – TODAY is the deadline to order**

Each poinsettia cost \$10 and order forms can be found in both the Welcome Center and the Narthex. Poinsettias will decorate our Sanctuary and will be available to take home after the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

### **Next Wednesday Night Dinner is on Wednesday, December 6, 6:15 p.m.**

Cost is \$8 per adult and \$4 per child. Sign up or cancel (if on permanent list) for the December 6 dinner by 10AM on Monday, December 4.

### **Annual Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.**

Cost is \$10 per adult and \$4 per child. **Sign up by Wednesday, November 29.** If you are on the permanent list only sign up if you are NOT coming to dinner.

### **Salvation Army Fox Socks – Filled Stockings are due Sunday, November 26**

Stockings are in the Welcome Center. Make it a family activity and fill a stocking for an underprivileged child. **As you prepare your stockings be sure to read the header for instructions.** Put the age and sex on the header and attach it to the top of the stocking to secure the items in it. We want to be sure nothing falls out as they are transported to the Salvation Army for distribution. Thank you for your support with this special Christmas outreach.

### **Church Grounds Clean-up - Saturday, December 2**

We will have a grounds clean up **Saturday, December 2, 8:30-Noon.** Bring your work gloves and join in the fun. See Dave Carper or Noah Percy with questions.

### **New Daily Advent Devotions based on the Revised Common Lectionary**

**texts from Creation Care Perspectives:** We hope this devotional will help preachers, lectionary Bible study groups, families, and individuals with new insights on these beloved texts during this special season. We hope the devotions will inspire more people help care for God's creation in these challenging times.

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/PEC-Advent-Devotional-2023-Online-Version.pdf>

## THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN:

**November 19 - 26**

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages (various rooms)
	10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Children's Music Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Session (Beck Room/Zoom)
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room/Kitchen)
	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (101,103,104, Beck, Fel. Hall, SS Classrooms)
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Library)
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Room 101/103 and Fellowship Hall)
Thursday		Church Office Closed
Friday		Church Office Closed
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Room 101/103 and Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages (various rooms)
	10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Children's Music Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary/Zoom)



**#305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

**1 Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us  
through the ages long!**

**Refrain:**

**In bold accord,  
come celebrate the journey now  
and praise the Lord!**

**2 Long years have come and gone,  
and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision,  
dream the dream! (Refrain)**

**3 Let courage be our friend;  
let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify  
the Crucified! (Refrain)**

**4 Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er  
the ages long! (Refrain)**

## #362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

**1 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
and soon he will draw nigh.  
Up, watch with expectation;  
at midnight comes the cry.**

**2 See that your lamps are burning;  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand;  
arise, O heirs of glory;  
the Bridegroom is at hand!**

**3 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this shadowed sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!**

## #350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

**1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for the time is drawing nigh.**

**Refrain:**

**Sisters, don't grow weary;  
brothers, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary,  
for the time is drawing nigh.**

**2 It's our faith makes us happy;  
it's our faith makes us happy;  
it's our faith makes us happy,  
for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)**

**3 We are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
we are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)**

**4 Every round goes higher, higher;  
every round goes higher, higher;  
every round goes higher, higher,  
for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)**