

Bon Air Presbyterian Church



Mission

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

Vision

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

Core Values

Caring Community, Spiritual Growth, Diversity, Social Justice, Welcoming

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

*Please stand, if able.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Preparation for Worship

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who, in all times and places, have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Welcome and Parish News

Bill Nickels

Prelude

Rhosymedre – R. Vaughan Williams

Stephen Henley

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 23)

Bill Nickels

Rejoice, beloved, for the Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

**He makes us lie down in green pastures; he leads us beside still waters;
he restores our souls.**

He leads us in the right direction;

And even in the darkness we do not fear when he is at our side.

He prepares a feast for us, setting the table and filling our cup.

His beauty and love follow close by, every new day. We are blessed!

Therefore, let us worship the Lord, and to God let us pray.

Prayer of Approach

Bill Nickels

**Generous God, we bless you this Sabbath morning,
for through the grace of Jesus Christ
you have drawn us into fellowship with yourself.
You've brought your glory into our daily existence
and assured us that we will dwell in peace with you eternally.
Enable us now to enter into the joy that you're offering us.
that, by your mercies, we may have gifts to joyfully share with others:
faith, hope, and especially love – in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King (vss. 1, 4, 6)

Number 15

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and fears;
so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Joslyn Shipman

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are this day. Some are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. Some are anxious about problems that go unresolved and events beyond our control. We admit – we do not easily let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone and for uncertain goals we need your forgiveness and ask for your understanding. For recovery of strength and enthusiasm, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray for your help in following Christ. In your mercy, restore and lead us into the life you intend us to have; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Joslyn Shipman

*Sung Response

Glory Be to the Father

Number 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Connor Ferreri

O God, in whom there is no darkness at all, dispel the darkness of our ignorance and unbelief by the radiance of your Word proclaimed; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Time for Children

Connor Ferreri

Epistle Reading

Psalm 30

Joslyn Shipman

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reflection

From Hostile to Hostel

Bill Nickels

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Bill Nickels

A I believe in God, the Father almighty,
B Maker of heaven and earth,
A and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
B who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
A born of the Virgin Mary,
B suffered under Pontius Pilate,
A was crucified, dead, and buried;
B he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
A he ascended into heaven,
B and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
A from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Connor Ferreri

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Connor Ferreri

Offertory

I Will Praise Forever – George F. Handel

Meredith Haynie, Soloist

Prayer of Dedication

Connor Ferreri

Give us grace, O Lord, to be sincerely grateful for your many mercies, alive with thanksgiving, and ready to use everything that you give us to accomplish your purposes every day. For you, O Lord, are the source of every good and perfect gift. Amen.

*Hymn

Let Us Build a House (vss. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Number 301

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are names, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built on tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith
and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

*Blessing and Dismissal

Bill Nickels

Like a roof well raised,
Like the far horizon,
Like a current in the sea,
And God, whom we know
May you go confidently now
And may you ever go in peace.

**God is over us, our protection.
God is beyond us.
we are in God.
in Christ, is love.
in the love and grace of God.
Amen.**

Postlude

Psalm XIX – Benedetto Marcello

Stephen Henley

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WELCOME! We're glad and grateful that you have joined us for worship today. We pray that you will experience the love of God and the presence of Christ in our midst and that you will be nurtured for fruitful seeking and serving in the days to come this week.

WORSHIP INFORMATION – Summer 2021

Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. we Worship in the Woods.

Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. we Worship in the Sanctuary with an opportunity for live online participants, as well.

Children are welcomed and included at both services.

At the 9:00 a.m. service Godly Play is offered. Children will be welcomed to Worship in the Woods, share a special message, and then meet Mrs. Olsen on the Preschool playground for fun!

At the 10:00 a.m. service **care for children infants through 2-year-olds** is provided in our professionally staffed nursery along the Welcome Corridor. An usher will be glad to direct you.

At the 10:00 a.m. service activity bags are available for children. See an usher.

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

At the 10:00 a.m. service, Prayer Requests, written and placed in the designated basket in the narthex, will be shared with worship leaders and, if desired, included in the community's prayers.

To get information on being a **Worship Liturgist**, please contact –

For 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Woods service, Darleen Cavin at 804-272-0693.

For 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary service, Kathy Sestak at 804-272-7631.

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. They are easily accessed from our website, bonairpc.org/wp/video-worships/. If you are searching for our church on Google, search “bonairpc” and it will be at the top. Please be advised that Bon Air Presbyterian Church posts pictures and videos of various events online and in printed materials. Services will be broadcast via live stream and digital recording. We do not identify children by any means.

OTHER NOTES ABOUT BAPC'S LIFE AND MINISTRY

Assisting with music at the 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Woods service this morning is Ray Secondo. We appreciate the gifts he shares with us.

Nursery Volunteers Needed - The nursery staff needs to fill a few spots on their volunteer schedule for the fall and spring. Youth Volunteers welcome! Contact Connor, connor@bonairpc.org or Kellie, lv2tchk@verizon.net.

Wednesday Night Dinners - Sign up by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 19, by emailing bapcchefsclub@gmail.com or calling the church office at 804-272-7514. Cost \$6.00 per adult/\$4.00 per child. Pick-up between 6:00-6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Exact cash or check only (payable to BAPC). **Menu for July 21:** Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit, Roll and Dessert.

Online Giving Is Available! The Stewardship Division is pleased to offer a new 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 would like to explore this new option's features as a possible convenience for you, read the Online Giving User Guide, available here: <https://bonairpc.org/wp/online-giving-user-guide-tutorial/>. If you have any questions, please contact George Comstock (comstockg@gmail.com) or Ted McCormack (tcmccormack@verizon.net).

Second Quarter Giving Statements - Your giving statement for the period ending June 30th will be sent out soon to members who have given to our church during that period. For those members who receive the Outreach by email, it will be sent to your email address on file with the church. Your statement will be an attachment from bonairpresbyterian@gmail.com. To reduce the number of missing statements, **PLEASE** add the email address bonairpresbyterian@gmail.com to your contacts. Members who do not get the Outreach by email will receive their statement by regular mail. Contact Ted McCormack, Financial Secretary for any questions.

Sanctuary Flowers - If you would like to donate flowers for Sunday Worship, the Worship Ministry Team invites you to sign up on the **Flower Calendar** which is located on the bulletin board at the beginning hallway leading to the Pastors office. **The cost is \$45.** Please make checks payable to BAPC with "Sanctuary Flowers" in the memo section. You can also call the office to see if the date you want is available and to sign-up.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

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THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN July 18 - 25

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship in the Woods (Amphitheater)
	10:00 a.m.	Classic Worship Celebration (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Session (Beck Room/Zoom)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Garden Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Drive Thru Dinner
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Church office closes
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Saturday	Noon	E. Wilk (Beck Room)
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship in the Woods (Amphitheater)
	10:00 a.m.	Classic Worship Celebration (Sanctuary/Zoom)