

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Bill Nickels

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Connor Ferreri

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Connor Ferreri

Offertory *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* – Robert Powell Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication Connor Ferreri

Lord, because you love a cheerful giver, confer the grace of cheerfulness upon us as we offer this money and ourselves to you. And bless our offering, that through it your mercies may be multiplied; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

Number 733

*Blessing and Dismissal

Bill Nickels

May the Lord enfold you with goodness
May God be in your thinking
May God be in your life
Maybe God be in your hearts
Go in peace, friends.

**and surround us with mercy.
and in our speaking.
and on our lips.
and with our spirits always.
We go to serve the Lord.**

Postlude

Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind – Malcolm Archer Stephen Henley

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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

September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM

*Please stand, if able.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Grant that here the faithful may find salvation and the careless may be awakened. May the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. May the tempted find help and the sorrowful be comforted. May the weary find rest and the strong be directed. May the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; all through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Welcome and Parish News

Bill Nickels

Prelude

Pastorale on "Rockingham Old" – Robert Hobby Stephen Henley

Call to Worship

Tune: Lyons

Bill Nickels

O worship the King, all glorious above,

O gratefully sing God's power and God's love,

Our Shield and Defender,

The Ancient of days,

Pavilioned in splendor

And girded with praise!

Prayer of Approach

Bill Nickels

We come to you, O living God, recognizing that you have created us to seek you, to love you and to find our identity within the fellowship of your faithful people. Help us so to worship you that we receive from you fresh gifts of grace, new glimpses of truth, and the life-giving guidance of the Holy Spirit. May we enjoy a deepening experience of the life you've made ours in Jesus Christ; and may we respond to your care for us with glad and obedient hearts. Amen.

*Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (vss. 1-3)

Number 620

ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Connor Ferreri

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by you in scripture and proclamation, our hearts may be grounded in all that leads to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Young Disciples

Connor Ferreri

Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 30-37

Connor Ferreri

Epistle Reading

James 3:13 – 4:8a

Bill Nickels

Reflection

"Quelling Quarrelling"

Bill Nickels

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Prayer of Confession

Bill Nickels

Gracious God, we know that in the clear light of your goodness all our failures and shortcomings stand revealed. Have mercy upon us. We confess that we have done that which is wrong in your sight – wronging ourselves by yielding to the desires of our lower nature; wronging others by word and deed; and wronging you by failing to be true to the wisdom you have given us. When you have bidden us to look upward, we have kept our eyes downcast. When you have called us to encounter and overcome evil, we have turned away. Forgive us, God. Cleanse our hearts and turn us to yourself again that we may love you above all else and love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ we pray.

(a time for silent, personal prayer)

Sung Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Meredith Haynie

Assurance of Pardon

Bill Nickels

Sung Response

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (vs. 4)

Number 440

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9: 30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

EPISTLE READING: James 3:13 – 4:8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

⁴Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁴Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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.

For those worshipping in-person in the sanctuary: Because infections from the Delta variant of COVID are increasing and both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons may be worshipping today – we will be circulating air in the sanctuary robustly. We also request that, especially during the singing of hymns and responses, facial coverings be worn. It would be an expression of one of this church’s Core Values – being a *Caring Community*. Thank you.

WORSHIP INFORMATION –

Each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. we Worship in the Woods.

Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. we Worship in the Sanctuary with an opportunity for live online participation, as well.

Children are welcomed and included at both services.

At the 8:30 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 11:00 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 11:00 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 11:00 a.m. sanctuary 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 serving as a **Worship Liturgist**, please contact –
For 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Woods service, Darleen Cavin at 804-272-0693.
For 11:00 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

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by the Congregational Care Division and the Prime Time Circle to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dear friend, Jane Lawrence.

Adult Education - This week we are dealing with Chapter 1 of The Powers That Be. My summary would be: Identifying the Powers. Our understanding of God's relationship to the Powers. Redeeming the Powers. This week's quotes can be found using this [link](#) or navigating from the Bon Air webpage (www.bonairpc.org) to the Recent Post - [Fall 2021 Adult Christian Education](#). See the Weekly News for Zoom link.

Wednesday Night Dinners - Sign up by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 20, by emailing [Wednesday Night Dinner](#) or call the church office, 804-272-7514, Cost is \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child with a \$25.00 family cap.

Children's Cantus Choir - The **Children's Cantus Choir** for our elementary aged children has resumed practice. They meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the welcome corridor entrance. New singers are welcome!

Coffee Hour Returns - Coffee in the garden room will resume next Sunday, September 19, as we were doing pre-COVID, with coffee being available after the early service (around 9:15 a.m.) and continuing through the second service, as long as it lasts! We will have a few COVID precautions in place, such as using tongs for serving food and wearing masks in-between bites and sips, as well as being sensitive to safe distancing. Come grab a cup of coffee and take it to Sunday School with you! Volunteers are always welcome to help make coffee, bring refreshments, or clean up. Click on the following link to add your name to any slot or contact Deborah Houghton at debho@comcast.net

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TPhNIjtdOVQdVuQcUaejgF1nIc1Wf8k15zFQICw_FpE/edit?usp=sharing

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 (tc McCormack@verizon.net).

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.

2022 Endowment Funds - Don't miss this opportunity! [Endowment Fund grant requests for 2022](#) are due **Thursday, September 30.** Grant requests can be completed using the [Online Form](#) or by submitting the [PDF Grant Request form](#) to the Church Office. Forms will also be available in the Endowment mailbox in the church workroom.

We are updating the church's prayer chain. If you would like to join in this ministry or have questions about it (you would receive occasional emails with prayer requests and pray in your own time and place), please contact Deborah Houghton at debho@comcast.net. To request prayers (which you may do whether or not you are part of the prayer chain), you may contact Deborah or the church office, remembering to please first obtain the permission of the one we are praying for. All prayers are kept confidential by those receiving the messages.

THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN September 19-26

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship in the Woods (Amphitheater)
	9:30 a.m.	Education for all ages (various rooms/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Classic Worship Celebration (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	12:30 p.m.	Hospitality & Welcome Team (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Session (Beck Room/Zoom)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	2:00 p.m.	Prime Time Circle (Room 104)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Beck Room / Sunday School Rooms)
	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Board (Library)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Beck Room)
Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	7:15 p.m.	Staff Relations Team (Zoom)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship in the Woods (Amphitheater)
	9:30 a.m.	Education for all ages (various rooms/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Classic Worship Celebration (Sanctuary/Zoom)