

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

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Offertory *Stay with Us Lord* – John Behnke

Stephen Henley

Prayer of Dedication

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**O God, who has called us to live joyfully in the way of Christ, thank you for the gift of music, the lilt of song. Thank you for calling some to sing, some to play instruments, and some to savor the notes in the silences of their beings. Thank you for the rich gift of music. May our lives be the melodies of love and grace we experience through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*For the Music of Creation*

Tune: Nettleton

*For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,  
For your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world's composer, her us, echoes of your voice  
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!*

*Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,  
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,  
Lit of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.*

*All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,  
Worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise and dancing feet;  
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,  
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

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Postlude *The Heavens Declare God's Glory* – Benedetto Marcello

Stephen Henley

# 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

October 17, 2021

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM

\*Please stand, if able.

### GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Preparation for Worship

Words of Welcome and Parish News

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Prelude Reflection on "St. Clement" – Franklin Ashdown

Stephen Henley

Call to Worship from Psalm 96 and 98

Connor Ferreri

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;**

**let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

**Make music to the Lord with the harp, and the sound of singing.**

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn,  
shout for joy before the lord who reigns.

**O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

\*Hymn *O Come and Sing unto the Lord*

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Prayer of Confession

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Even the disciples, those closest to Jesus, get it wrong sometimes. They ask off-the-wall questions and frequently misunderstand Jesus' plans for the world and for them. But Jesus loves them still and trusts them with his companionship and his ministry. Trusting in a savior who can see our human fumbling and still long to be near us and shape us anew, let us come before God with the confessions of our hearts:

**Holy God, through Jesus, you taught us that the last shall be first and the first shall be last, but we often struggle with creating space so that others might thrive. We are haphazard with your creation, choosing convenience over conservation, and recklessly assume there will always be enough to go around. We idealize the poor as "happy with their small portion" and put off acts of justice that restore opportunities for the vulnerable. We are often content for those on the margins to be "first" in the afterlife but not in this life. And sometimes we fall prey to the world's priorities, which whisper that we must come in first and have the most and that we are always in jeopardy of not being enough. Help us, O God, to lean into the example of our servant savior, who models power in vulnerability and invites us to serve one another.**

Assurance of Pardon

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Family of God, our hope is in the Son of Man, who came not to be served but to serve, and who gave his life as a ransom for our own. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the debt of our sin has been paid, and we have been freed for new life. In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven

Sung Response

*Tune: Eventide*

***I need thy presence every passing hour;***

***What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?***

***Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?***

***Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.***

### ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Young Disciples

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Prayer for Illumination

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**Merciful God, grant that the word you speak this day may take root in our hearts and bear fruit to your honor and glory; for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalter Reading

Psalm 150

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Epistle Reading

2 Chronicles 5: 13-14

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Reflection

*"We Are a People that Must Sing!"*

Stephen Henley

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967

Connor Ferreri

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### PSALTER READING: Psalm 150

- <sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
- <sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- <sup>3</sup>Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- <sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
- <sup>5</sup>Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- <sup>6</sup>Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

### EPISTLE READING: 2 Chronicles 5: 13-14

It was the duty of trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments in praise to the Lord, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,” the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

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#### Please Note –

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.

**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. and 11:00 we worship in the Sanctuary. The 11:00 service has an opportunity for live online participation, as well.

**Children are welcomed and included at both services.** At both services **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. 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 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/](http://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

**Adult Education** - This week we are dealing with Chapter 5 of The Powers That Be. Summary: Jesus' teaching about how we are to respond to violence and injustice. This week's quotes can be found using this [link](#) or navigating from the Bon Air webpage ([www.bonairpc.org](http://www.bonairpc.org)) to the Recent Post - [Fall 2021 Adult Christian Education](#).

**Wednesday Night Dinners** - Sign up by 10:00 a.m. on Monday 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.

**Frances Namoumou**, a Presbyterian Peacemaker from Fiji, will be presenting a virtual program entitled "**Peacemaking in Fiji: Climate Justice and Disaster Management**" on Sunday and Monday evenings, **October 24 and 25, at 7 p.m.** Refer to the BAPC weekly news and monthly Outreach for more information and for registration links. Don't miss this special opportunity to connect with brothers and sisters in our Presbytery and around the world!

**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.

**Online Giving Is Available!** The Stewardship Team is pleased to offer 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 questions, please contact George Comstock ([comstockg@gmail.com](mailto:comstockg@gmail.com)) or Ted McCormack ([tcmccormack@verizon.net](mailto:tcmccormack@verizon.net)).

**Coffee is available in the Garden Room** after the early service through the second service, as long as it lasts! COVID precautions are in place. Come grab a cup of coffee and take it to Sunday School with you! Volunteers are always welcome. Click on the following link to add your name or contact Deborah Houghton at [debho@comcast.net](mailto:debho@comcast.net).

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TPhNIjtdOVQdvuQcUaejgF1nIc1Wf8k15zFQICw\\_FpE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TPhNIjtdOVQdvuQcUaejgF1nIc1Wf8k15zFQICw_FpE/edit?usp=sharing)

**Trunk or Treat** - October 31 at 12:15 p.m. in the back parking lot of the church. Children will meet on the playground. All are welcome to attend or to decorate a car! Contact Connor with any questions.

**Third Quarter Giving Statements** – Giving statement for the period ending September 30 will be sent out soon to members who have given to our church during that period. For 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](mailto:bonairpresbyterian@gmail.com). To reduce the number of missing statements, **PLEASE** add the email address [bonairpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**CROP Hunger Walk** - The needs of the hungry in Richmond and worldwide are greater than ever. Join us for the 51st Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, November 7. Our top priority is to keep ALL OF YOU safe so we will host a hybrid CROP walk this year. Here is how you can participate:

1. Join us at Shalom Farm Northside Farm, 1313 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227 on walk day. Registration is at 1:30pm and step off is at 2:00 p.m.
2. Walk on your own or with a small group from your faith community, neighborhood or business while social distancing or walk at home on your treadmill.

Click [here](#) to register or enter the URL –

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/accept?challenger=connor-ferreri&team=bon-air-presbyterian-church-youth> in your browser's address window.

Learn more about CROP Hunger Walk at

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**THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN October 17 - 24**

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Education for all ages (various rooms/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	12:30 p.m.	Hospitality & Welcome Team (Garden Room/Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Session (Beck Room)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Beck Room /SS Rooms/Fellowship Hall)
	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/Middle School Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Property Team (Garden Room)
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Visitation with Milton Myers family (Parlor)
	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Milton Myers (Sanctuary)
	5:30 p.m.	Cantus Choir (Welcome Center entrance)
	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)
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team (Garden Room)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Stewardship Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 a.m.	Education for all ages (various rooms/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	Noon	Stewardship Presentation (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Peacemaker Program (Zoom)

**Sunday, October 24**



Introducing the 2022 Annual and the 2022-2024 Capital Campaigns

*Taking Faithful Action –  
Living into our Mission, Vision, and Values*

JOIN US! We are excited to invite you to participate in BOTH campaigns this Stewardship Season.

JOIN US for information and refreshments at church on **Sunday, October 24** following the 8:30 worship service, between the Sunday school hour and 11:00 worship, and following the 11:00 worship. We invite those attending 11:00 worship on Zoom to stay with us as we meet virtually from the Garden Room after the service.

See you then! – the Stewardship and Capital Campaign Teams