

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

Prayer (All):

**A candle burns,
The sign of our hope.
God of hope and good news,
Come to us again this Advent season.
May your hope live within us,
Burning as a light in our lives. Amen.**

Sung Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vss. 1, 5-7)

Number 88

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Young Disciples

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*Hymn

While We Are Waiting, Come

Number 92

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**With power and glory come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Ogburn

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 (CEB)

Becky Ogburn

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you, given all the joy we have because of you before our God? ¹⁰ Night and day, we pray more than ever to see all of you in person and to complete whatever you still need for your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus guide us on our way back to you. ¹² May the Lord cause you to increase and enrich your love for each other and for everyone in the same way as we also love you. ¹³ May the love cause your hearts to be strengthened, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his people. Amen.

Second Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

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¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reflection

"Dream for the Whole Community"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

*Affirmation of Faith– Brief Statement of Faith, Abba

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**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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**... 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.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory *O Jesus with Thine Advent Quiet* – Johann Franck Chancel Choir
Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Live into Hope* Number 772

**Live into hope of captive freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!**

**Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.**

**Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude *Savior of the Nations Come* – J. S. Bach 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.

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/. 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

Daily Devotional - *Come to Bethlehem and Be Nourished* - Stop by the Welcome Desk and pick up a copy of this week's devotional booklet. There will be a new packet each week during Advent and Christmastime.

Adult Education - Advent Classes featuring the Lenten and Easter parts of **Handel's *Messiah*** - Join us in the Sanctuary on **November 28, December 5, and December 12** for three very special Advent Sunday School classes featuring the Lenten and Easter music from Handel's *Messiah*. Steve Henley will be instructing us as we take a look as well as listen to the great solos and choruses of this oratorio. No matter how familiar we are with the music and the text or how deep our Christian commitment, there is much to learn and rejoice over in this inspiring oratorio. Everyone, no matter what age, is invited to participate. Come learn historical background and be inspired as you listen to the memorable solos and choruses of this beloved work.

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.

Cookie Exchange - The Fellowship Ministry Team will have a cookie exchange during Wednesday night dinner on **December 1!** Are you a cookie lover OR cookie maker? Bake your best 2 dozen cookies and put them in 4 baggies. Include the type of cookie and the recipe. Leave in the adult classroom, Room 104, next to the preschool office. Enjoy!!

Fresh air + Community service! Yes, it's that time of year again, the **big church cleanup is December 4** (rain date is December 11). Come one, come all for great fellowship and getting the grounds ready for winter. We will start between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. so join us. Your support is greatly appreciated! Questions? Contact Alan Sestak at 804-272-7631.

Salvation Army Stockings - The Salvation Army needs your help in filling stockings for underprivileged children. Stockings are in the Welcome Center and they need to be **returned no later than Sunday, December 5**. Make it a family activity and your children will enjoy the act of giving. The header with the stocking has all the details. Be sure to attach it to the stocking after it is filled and return it to the church.

Sponsor A Child Through Angel Tree! Visit the following link to purchase a Christmas present on behalf of an incarcerated parent: rb.gy/mg27ok. After selecting a child to sponsor, you will receive an email from Angel Tree with your child's gift wish. Please print the email, attach it to your wrapped gift and place items under Christmas tree in the front foyer by **Sunday, December 12**. Volunteers are needed to help with **Gift Pick Up Day on Saturday, December 18 (10am-noon)**—a sign-up sheet can be found at the front desk in the foyer.

Mark Your Calendars! The children and youth of our church will join the adult choir in presenting the musical "**A Christmas Carol: Scrooge in Bethlehem**" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, December 19**. You won't want to miss this special presentation of the Christmas story!

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) or Ted McCormack (tcmccormack@verizon.net).

THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN November 28 – December 5

Sunday		1 st Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Education for all ages (various rooms/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	4:00 p.m.	Second Sunday Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Beck Room /SS Rooms/ Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Garden Room)
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Cantus Choir (Welcome Center entrance)
	6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Team (Garden Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council (Beck Room)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Church Grounds Clean-up
Next Sunday		2 nd Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Education for all ages (various rooms/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary/Zoom)