

Bon Air Presbyterian Church



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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

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8:30 AM

*Please stand, if able.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Words of Welcome and Parish News Rev. Alex Creager

Prelude Stephen Henley, Organ; Barbara Gregory, Flute
Meditation Organ & Violin – Cécile Chaminade

*Call to Worship (by Bruce Pewter, inspired by Psalm 150) Kathy Sestak

Praise God! Praise God in this house of prayer;

Give praise throughout the mighty universe.

Praise God for the saving deeds of Christ;

Give praise for such exceptional love.

Praise God with the blast of trumpets;

Give praise with guitar and keyboard.

Praise God with timbrel and dance;

Give praise with violin and flute.

Praise God with drums and cymbals;

Give praise with thundering organ.

Let everything that draws breath, praise God;

Praise, yes praise our wonderful God!

*Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Number 1

Prayer of Confession (by Nancy Townley in *Ministry Matters*)

One: Holy God, worthy of all praise,

All: **We think that we have to have all the answers,
and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations.**

We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life.

So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe.

Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is.

Help us to see your ways of wonder and surprise.

**Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings,
that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith.**

AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn *When the Morning Stars Together* Number 689

ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination Kathy Sestak

The First Reading Psalm 150 Kathy Sestak

The Second Reading Colossians 3: 12-17

Reflection *"Encourage Through Song"* Rev. Alex Creager

*Hymn *Give Thanks for Music-Making Art* Insert

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory Meredith Haynie, Soloist; Barbara Gregory, Flutist
I Will Praise Forever – George F. Handel

Pastoral Prayer and 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 *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Number 641

Celebration and Blessing of Steve Henley's Ministry of Music

*Sending and Benediction

Postlude *Festival Toccata on "St. Anne" – Frederick Swann* Stephen Henley

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Psalm 150

¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 new 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

Celebrating Stephen Henley – TODAY during both worship services we will recognize and give thanks for all of the years that Stephen has ministered to Bon Air Presbyterian Church as our Organist and Music Director. Due to COVID there will no longer be a luncheon or reception following worship. Instead we will present our cards and gifts at the 11 a.m. service to commemorate his retirement. Please join us for his grand finale.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Pat and Judy Clayton to the glory of God and in honor of Steve Henley for all of his years of dedication to Bon Air Presbyterian Church.

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 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).

Coffee Hour in the Garden Room - Coffee is available after the early service (around 9:15 a.m.) through the second service, as long as it lasts! COVID precautions are 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!

The Cantus Choir, our choir for elementary aged children, welcomes new members at any time during the year. We practice on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information email Deborah at debho@comcast.net.

Volleyball - Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and fun. All ages and all skill levels are welcome and celebrated. Please be vaccinated and wear your mask.

THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN – January 16 - 23

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Education for all ages (various rooms/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	12:30 p.m.	Hospitality & Welcome Team (Garden Room/Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Session (Beck Room/Zoom)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	6:30 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)
	7:30 p.m.	Property Team (Garden Room)
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Cantus Choir (Welcome Center entrance)
	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)
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball (Fellowship Hall)
	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 (Sanctuary)
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Give Thanks for Music-Making Art

**Give thanks for music making art, and praise the Spirit's choice
of members called and set apart with instrument and voice.
With work and wisdom, skills hard won, life giving and life long,
they celebrate what God has done, and lead the people's song.**

**Through years of training they accrue the skills of mind and hand,
which hours of practice must renew, enliven, and expand.
With Spirit grace they tune our hopes; to Christ their hearts belong;
for love of God must guide the arts that lead the people's song.**

**Then let us reach for excellence to sing and symphonize
for God, our utmost audience, with joy our highest prize.
When kindly skill our spirit lifts and makes the humble strong,
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He has been very active in the Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, serving as Dean of the Chapter for three years. He has served as choir of the Repertoire Recital Series and serves on the Youth Choir Festival Design Team. He was a recipient of the "Above and Beyond" award from the Commonwealth of Virginia for his volunteer work, teaching piano to teenagers at the Bon Air Correctional Center in Virginia.

Steve has appeared twice as guest soloist with the Richmond Philharmonic in the performance of the Saint Saëns Organ Symphony at the Singleton Center for the Performing Arts.

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Before going to Richmond, VA, Steve served Oak Lane Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, and from 1972 to 1988, served Salem United Church of Christ in Doylestown, PA.

He has been an active member of the American Guild of Organist since 1966 and served on the Executive Board of the Lehigh Valley Chapter and the Philadelphia Chapter. He was a member of the AGO Program Planning Committee for workshops and seminars for the 2002 National AGO Convention in Philadelphia.

While in Doylestown, Steve served as president of the Bucks County Chapter of Choristers Guild, chaired the Bucks County Symphony Children's Concert from 1983 to 1987, and was chairman of the Central Bucks Council of Churches Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Committee.

His studies in church music have been at the Guilmant Organ School, New York City, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ, and with Dr. George Markey at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.

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