

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
November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> – J. S. Bach	Beverley Edwards
Welcome		Rev. Alex Creager
*Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Number 82

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Lighting the Hope Candle

Elaine Ogburn

One: On this first Sunday in Advent
we light this candle and call it Hope.

**All: When we light it, we are excited.
We are looking forward to something special.**

One: What can it be? What is going to happen?

**All: God is coming into our world.
Emmanuel is on his way.**

One: We light this candle for all God's people,
Struggling to be bearers of hope
in a troubled world.

**All: God as we wait for your coming,
Give light, give hope.**

(As the Hope Candle is lit, we join together in silent prayer and confession).

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 *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (vs. 1)* Number 85

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

Time for Young Disciples Connor Ferreri

Children dismissed to Little Lights (children through grade five)

ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (from *Book of Common Worship*) Joslyn Shipman

Holy God, our hope and strength,
**by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading Romans 13: 8-14 Joslyn Shipman

Second Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5 Rev. Alex Creager

Reflection “Living as People of Hope” Rev. Alex Creager

*Hymn *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Number 95
(First time soloist, then all sing 3 times)

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* – Sam Batt Owens Chancel Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving (ushers bring plates forward for prayer)

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Number 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Alex Creager

**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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Number 104

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**

**Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.**

**You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
when your renewed creation your glory shall display.**

*Sending and Blessing

Postlude

Beverley Edwards

WELCOME! We are so grateful to worship with you today. We pray that you will experience the love of God and the presence of Christ in our midst.

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please let us know in the fellowship pad. Pastor Alex Creager would also love the chance to connect with you more. You can find him greeting people after worship by the main doors or contact him at alex@bonairpc.org.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

We worship together every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The 11:00 a.m. service is livestreamed to Zoom and Facebook each week. To worship with us over Zoom, please contact Brenda Norton, Monday-Friday, at office@bonairpc.org

Children in Worship

It is our great joy to welcome and worship with children of all ages here at Bon Air Presbyterian Church. The sound of children is a joy for us, and children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families. As you enter, there is a **Children's Cart** full of books and activities for children to take into the sanctuary with them. In both services, professionally staffed **Childcare is available in our Nursery** just down the hall. An usher will be glad to direct you. And at the 11 a.m. service we offer a **Time for Young Disciples** followed by **Little Lights** in the elementary classroom, led by Director of Children and Youth Ministries Connor Ferreri. For more information, connor@bonairpc.org

Hearing Assistance

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. Those with a hearing aid or a cochlear implant, please 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.

Prayer Requests

As you enter the sanctuary doors, we have prayer request cards. If you have a specific prayer request for the week, please share it on the card, and hand it either to an usher or into the offering basket. We will be praying for you and your concern this week.

Online Giving, <https://bonairpc.org/wp/giving-to-the-church/>

The Stewardship Division is pleased to offer a 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 have any questions, please contact Ted McCormack at tcmccormack@verizon.net.

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. We do not identify children by any means. They are easily accessed from our website, bonairpc.org/wp/video-worships/.

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Kathy Kelley in memory of Rose-Anne Glassen and Steven Kelley.

Open Trunk Food Drive - Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. If you cannot bring your food on Saturday, feel free to it to the church during the week. This month's collection will be taken to Bainbridge Food Pantry. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of the monthly food drives. There are so many in our greater community who are in need and the Food Banks provide a valuable means of support to them.

Share your faith by reading scripture in worship. Questions? Contact Kathy Sestak at 804-272-7631 or sign-up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CADA72AA0F58-sunday>

Angel Tree - We are participating in the Prison Ministry Angel Tree program again this year. On November 27 and December 4, in the welcome center, you can pick up an angel to purchase a present for a child of an incarcerated parent. Angels will be available between services and after the 11:00 service. Please let the person at the table know what Angel you are taking. The presents are due by December 11 and can be returned to the church on weekdays or any Sunday by December 11. Questions can be answered when you pick up your angel.

Salvation Army Holiday Stockings – Stockings are now due back by December 4.

Christmas Dinner – The annual Christmas dinner is on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$10/Adult, \$4/Child with a family cap of \$30. **Sign-up by this Wednesday, November 30.**

Wednesday Night Dinner– November 30 - 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.

Fresh Air and Community Service! Yes, it's that time of year again, the big church cleanup is December 3 (rain date is December 10). Come one, come all for great fellowship and getting the grounds ready for winter such as leaf racking, window cleaning, parking lot cleaning and anything else needing done. We will start 8:30 a.m. so join us. Your support is greatly appreciated! Questions? Contact Alan Sestak at 804-272-7631.

THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN: November 27 – December 4

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages (various rooms)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary/Zoom)
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (101,103,104, Beck, Fel. Hall, Sun. School Classrooms)
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 (Children's Music Room)
	6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 p.m.	Handbells (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	7:15 p.m.	Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 104)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Church Clean-up Day
	9:30 a.m.	Open Trunk Food Drive (Parking Lot)
Sunday		2nd Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages (various rooms)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary/Zoom)

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