

January 22, 2023 – Late Service

# 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**

**January 22, 2023**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

11:00 AM

\*Please stand, if able.

**GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Prelude	<i>Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier</i> – J. S. Bach	Beverley Edwards
Welcome		Rev. Alex Creager
Call to Worship		Rev. Alex Creager

(by Joanna Harder at *Spacious Faith*, based on Matthew 4:18-22)

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer,  
to song and silence;

**JESUS CALLS US TO WORSHIP.**

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,  
to service and solidarity;

**JESUS CALLS US TO LOVE.**

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action,  
to protest and provision;

**JESUS CALLS US TO JUSTICE.**

Let us heed the call of Christ.

**LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER WITH JOY.**

*Hymn	<i>Christ Be Our Light</i> (vs. 1, 2, 5)	Number 314
-------	--	------------

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)**

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession (by Karen Ellis in the *Abingdon Worship Annual*)

Connor Ferreri

Merciful God,  
**as we seek your love and light,  
there are times when darkness invades our lives.  
Forgive us when we hide our true selves from you.  
Forgive us when we quarrel with one another,  
allowing our pride to overcome our relationships.  
Forgive us when we give life's busy work and distractions  
priority over following the ways of Christ.  
O God, open our hearts to your grace,  
as you once again fill us with your love and light. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

One: There is far more grace in God than there will ever be sin in us.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Thanks Be to God.**

Welcome New Member

Stewart Atkins

Rev. Alex Creager

Sacrament of Baptism

Henry Atkins

Rev. Alex Creager

Children dismissed to Little Lights (children through grade five)

### **ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Ogburn

Loving God, fountain of every blessing,  
**open us to your life-giving word,  
and fill us with your Holy Spirit  
so that living water may flow through our hearts—  
a spring of hope for a thirsty world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4 (CEB)

Becky Ogburn

**9** Nonetheless, those who were in distress won't be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later he glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have made the nation great;  
you have increased its joy.

They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as those who divide plunder rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them,  
the staff on their shoulders,  
and the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**“I was there to hear your borning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”**

**“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”**

**“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”**

**“I was there to hear your borning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Alex Creager

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,  
<sup>16</sup> **for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.** <sup>17</sup> **He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.** <sup>18</sup> **He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.** <sup>19</sup> **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,** <sup>20</sup> **and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Rev. Alex Creager

Offertory      *All Glory Be to God on High* – arr. Rachel Aarons

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Alex Creager

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

Rev. Alex Creager

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.**

\*Hymn

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Number 721

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

**Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)**

**You need my hands, full of caring,  
through my labors to give others rest  
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)**

**You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (Refrain)**

\*Sending and Blessing

Rev. Alex Creager

Postlude

*"Allegro" from Concerto in G Major – J. S. Bach*

Beverley Edwards

Songs & Lyrics reprinted under CCLI License #11023707



[bonairpc.org](http://bonairpc.org)

Rev. Alex Creager, *Pastor/Head of Staff*  
Connor Ferreri, *Director of Children & Youth*  
Beverley Edwards, *Director of Music*  
Meredith Himmelman, *Section & Woods Music Leader*  
Barbara Gregory, *Preschool Director*  
Kim Negaard, *Bookkeeper*  
Brenda Norton, *Office Manager*  
Dwayne L. Williams, *Sexton*



9201 W. Huguenot Rd., North Chesterfield, VA 23235 \* (804) 272-7514  
Fax (804) 272-9752 \* E-mail: [office@bonairpc.org](mailto:office@bonairpc.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [temccormack@verizon.net](mailto:temccormack@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/](https://bonairpc.org/wp/video-worships/).

## **THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Second Sunday South of the James Concert – TODAY at 3:30 p.m.** - Joins us at 3:30 p.m. in our sanctuary to hear The Mass Choir Ensemble of Second Baptist Church - Southside. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome.

**Wednesday Night Dinner– January 25 - 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.

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION**

**Next Sunday following the 11:00 Worship Service**

Elections: Elders

Review: Ministry Reports, 2023 Annual Church Budget, Clergy Terms of Call

The Annual Report is on the church website at <https://bonairpc.org/wp/members-area/>. Hard copies are available in the narthex.

**Movie and Pizza night – Saturday, February 11, 5:30 p.m.** in the Beck Room. Join us as we watch “The Ultimate Gift.” Pizza, Popcorn and Drinks, as well as babysitting services will be provided. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign up by Wednesday, February 8.

**CPR/AED Training on Saturday, February 18, 9:00-Noon** in the Beck Room. Training is open everyone, but reservations are required. Please email Henry Jacocks at [henryjacocks@yahoo.com](mailto:henryjacocks@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot. Class is limited to 20 people.

**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>

**Adult Education**, Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Beck Room or via Zoom. We will be studying Richard Hughes’ Myths America Lives By. Hughes examines the origins and consequences of these myths. All are invited to join us.

**Weekly News Blasts** are sent on Wednesdays and are filled with useful information about all the exciting things happening at our church. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send a message to Brenda at [office@bonairpc.org](mailto:office@bonairpc.org).

**Pickleball** - Everyone, young and old, skilled and “just-willing” will enjoy the fellowship and exercise on Thursday nights at 7:15 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.



**THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN: January 22-29**

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)
	3:30 p.m.	Second Sunday Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	Noon	Home School Group (Room 101)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (101,103,104, Beck, Fel. Hall, Sun. School Classrooms)
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Garden Room)
	Noon	Home School Group (Room 101)
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Wednesday	Noon	Home School Group (Room 101)
	5:30 p.m.	Cantus Choir (Children's Music Room)
	6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 p.m.	Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Art with Youth (Art Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	Noon	Home School Group (Room 101)
	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)
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)
	12:10 p.m.	Congregation Meeting (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	12:15 p.m.	CE – Adults (Garden Room)