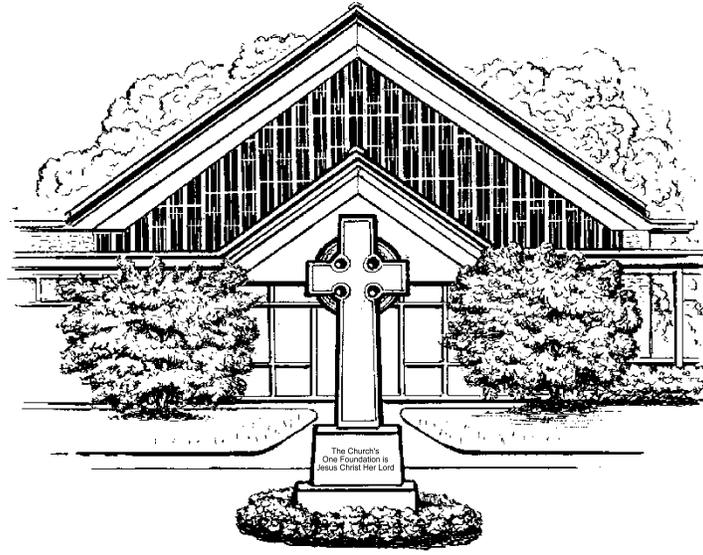


March 19, 2023 – Late Service

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
March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 AM

*Please stand, if able.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude

Andante Religioso from Sonata IV – Felix Mendelssohn

Beverley Edwards

Welcome

Rev. Alex Creager

*Call to Worship

Rev. Alex Creager

God of darkness and light

OPEN OUR EYES TO YOUR JUSTICE.

God of goodness and glory

OPEN OUR MINDS TO YOUR WISDOM.

God of mercy and kindness

OPEN OUR HEARTS TO YOUR LOVE.

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Number 39

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

(Refrain)

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

(Refrain)

Moment for Mission - RISC Nehemiah Action

Barbara Jacocks

Prayer of Confession

Connor Ferreri

Gracious and loving God,
**open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you
the fullness of our lives –
that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.**
**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition. We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**
**Forgive us, we pray.
Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ
in love and in service. Amen.**
(Silent Confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Connor Ferreri

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Number 792

Refrain:
**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)**

**Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)**

**If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)**

Time for Young Disciples

Connor Ferreri

Children dismissed to Little Lights (children through grade five)

ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Ogburn

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
**guide us, by your Word, through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,**

**so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

John 9: 1-8

Becky Ogburn

⁹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?”

Second Reading

John 9:13-16, 24-25, 34-41

Rev. Alex Creager

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

*Affirmation of Faith: *Brief Statement of Faith, Jesus*

Rev. Alex Creager

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Rev. Alex Creager

Offertory *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake* – Richard Farrant

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

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

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)**

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (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)**

*Sending and Blessing

Rev. Alex Creager

Postlude

Beverley Edwards

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata IV – Felix Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship is written by Ruth Burgess in *Eggs and Ashes*

**Prayer of Confession is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*

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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

Easter Lily Orders- Deadline to order is TODAY. Order forms can be found online in the Weekly News, in the Narthex or at the Welcome Desk.

Wednesday Night Dinner – March 22. 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.

Shalom Farms Volunteer Day – This Thursday, March 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Shalom Farms is a nonprofit working to build healthy communities by growing and sharing healthy food. The food they grow is distributed through a network of programs and partnerships in communities where access to healthy food is limited. Interested in joining us? Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAFAC28A5FC1-shalom>

Spring Clean-Up Day – March 25 – 8:30 a.m.-Noon. Join us for our spring clean-up day. This year will be a little different as we will be concentrating on power washing sidewalks, cleaning the outside of all windows and anything else we need to do to keep our church and grounds looking spectacular. Hope to see you here! ~ BAPC Property team

RISC Nehemiah Action - Tuesday, March 28 at St. Paul's Baptist Church (North campus), 4247 Creighton Road, Richmond 23223. Join with 1,500 from around the Richmond metro area who are organized and committed through RISC to bring about positive change for those living in deplorable mobile homes, for the growing numbers of people seeking affordable housing, and for relief from fear of gun violence. Only standing together can we visibly express our alarm at the mayor's proposed plan to replace the Affordable Housing Trust Fund with a bond program. We stand firm on the need for a proven gun violence intervention program for Richmond, but we will have to wait and watch how the City of Hopewell does it first. We continue to meet one-on-one with council members! The denial and delay only make RISC more resolute because it takes the power of committed people to bend the arc toward Justice.... often over many years! Answer the call to stand up and be counted. Sign up here [2023 RISC Action](#) to indicate your plans to attend, need for a ride from your home or desire to carpool from Bon Air Presbyterian Church leaving promptly at **5:30 p.m. Have you not been invited?** Contact Barbara Jacocks barbjacocks@gmail.com.

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>

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.

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.

Lenten Study, The Gospel of John, Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m. Join us this Lent as we journey together through the Gospel of John. This class will be led by Connor Ferreri, our director of Children and Youth. Guided by new studies of John by Robert Kysar and Frances Taylor Gench, Connor will invite us, challenge us, and help us to explore the fourth gospel in a new light. No book required.

THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN: March 19 – 26

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages (various rooms)
	9:30 a.m.	New Elder Training (Library)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Session (Beck Room/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, SS Classrooms)
	7:00 p.m.	BAPP Board (Library/Zoom)
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Library)
	2:30 p.m.	Rev. Creager Meeting (Garden Room)
	5:30 p.m.	RISC (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
	7:00 p.m.	Property Team (Garden Room)
Wednesday	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)
	7:15 p.m.	CE Search Committee (Garden Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	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.	Clean-up Day (outside)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages (various rooms)
	9:30 a.m.	New Elder Training (Library)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Communion (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	12:10 p.m.	CE – Adults (Garden Room)