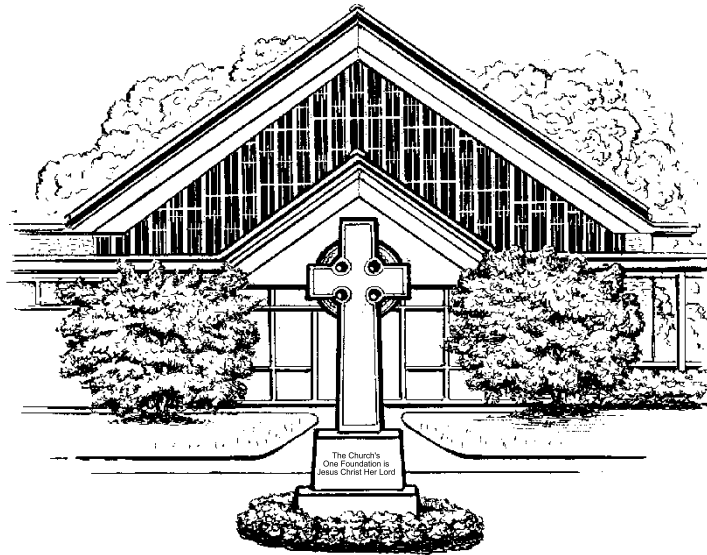


May 28, 2023

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

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

10:00 AM

*Please stand, if able.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude

Chime Tune in A-Major – R. Herbek

Janet Watts

Welcome

Rev. Alex Creager

*Call to Worship (by Ruth Burgess in *Fire and Bread*)

Rev. Alex Creager

God of fire and beauty

WARM US.

God of peace and justice

DISTURB US.

God of wind and wonder

AMAZE US.

God of Pentecost

KINDLE YOUR LOVE IN OUR LIVES.

*Hymn

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Number 301

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)**

Welcome New Member

Debbie Caparoula

Rev. Alex Creager

Prayer of Confession (by Mary Scifres)

Connor Ferreri

Refreshing wind of God,
whisper the truth of your love to us.
Where we are breathless with sin and regret,
forgive us and breathe new life into us
through your mercy and your grace.
Where we stand firm in our divisions,
re-mold us with your mighty power,
that we might rise in unity and love.
Renewing wind of the Spirit,
help us recognize our gifts,
that we may use them for your glory.
We yearn to proclaim your presence
in all that we say and in all that we do.
In your holy presence, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Declaration of Forgiveness

Connor Ferreri

Hear the good news!
As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.
God's grace and spirit is poured out upon us day by day.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and offered new life! Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

Number 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Time for Young Disciples & Blessing for Connor Ferreri

Rev. Alex Creager

(Celebration of Connors Ministry in Welcome Center after Worship)

ATTENDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Joslyn Shipman

God of power and grace,
fill us with the wisdom of your word
and the understanding of your Spirit
so that we may be your church:
a people with dreams and visions
at work in all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith: Holy Spirit*)

Rev. Alex Creager

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Rev. Alex Creager

Special Offering – Pentecost Offering

Offertory

Spirit, Open My Heart – Alfred V. Fedak

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

Connor Ferreri

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.**

Refrain:

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (Refrain)**

**You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)**

**You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)**

**You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)**

*Sending and Blessing

Rev. Alex Creager

Postlude

Prelude in E-minor – J.S. Bach

Janet Watts

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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

During the summer we worship together every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The 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 to obtain the link.

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. During the service we offer a **Time for Young Disciples**. For more information, connor@bonairpc.org

Little Lights has concluded for the Spring of 2023. Little Lights will resume in the Fall. Nursery care will still be provided, and children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

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

Reception for Connor Ferreri - You are invited to attend a small reception to honor Connor Ferreri **immediately following the 10:00 am service** in the Welcome corridor. Please plan to join us to celebrate Connor as he follows his next journey.

Worship in the Woods begins next **Sunday, June 4, 9:00 A.M.** Come experience worship in God's beautiful creation right in our own backyard! We meet in our amphitheater behind the preschool playground for a casual, inter-generational celebration. Inclement weather? No problem! We gather under the portico behind the Fellowship Hall.

RISC Celebration, Monday, June 5, 6:30-8:00 PM, Second Baptist Southside 3300 Broad Rock Blvd. Please gather for a true Richmond community-supper to **CELEBRATE** the progress we have made in affordable housing and gun violence working alongside our partners from the 22 RISC congregations.

#1 **CHILD CARE!** [Please use this google form to sign up for the free childcare we plan to offer](#) (*but please sign up NOW, so we know if we need it!*).

#2 We want to make our Celebration a *true celebration!* So, besides having time for food and fellowship and relationship-building, we will also have **MUSIC!** [Please use this google form to tell us what songs you would like played!](#) Please remember we are an interfaith group, and also try to choose songs that are either justice-themed, or celebration-themed.

Need a ride? Carpool from BAPC leaving at 6:00PM. Please email Barbara Jacocks barbjacocks@gmail.com.

Shalom Farms Volunteer Days – Three available dates: **Thursday, August 17 (8 slots available); Saturday, September 16 (14 slots available); Thursday, October 12 (10 slots available).** **8:45-11:45 a.m.** is our time frame for each of these dates. Shalom Farms is a nonprofit working together 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? You can sign up for one or all three dates at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAFAC28A5FC1-volunteer>

Interested in taking part in Worship? Share your faith by becoming a liturgist. Want more information?

Contact Kathy Sestak for **Sanctuary Worship** at 804-272-7631. **Liturgist Sign-up:**

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

Contact Darleen Cavin for **Woods Worship** at 804-272-0693. **Worship in the Woods Sign-up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea8a72fa1fc1-bonair#/>

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.

THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN: May 28 – June 4

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	11:00 a.m.	Reception for Connor Ferreri (Welcome Center)
Monday		Memorial Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Garden Room)
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Wednesday	7:15 p.m.	CE Search Committee (Beck Room)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	6:30 p.m.	Music Director Search Committee (Garden Room)
	7:15 p.m.	Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 104)
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Open Trunk Food Drive (Parking Lot)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship in the Woods (Amphitheater)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary/Zoom)
	11:15 a.m.	Guatemala presentation by Rev. Creager (Beck Room)
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Back Portico)