

**RESPONDING WITH FAITH AND GRATITUDE**

\*PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*SONG OF FAITH

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Number 692

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord of Love. Lord of Blessing.  
You hear our prayers.

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.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Chant on "Gather Us In" – Charles Lenz*

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Number 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Love, we seek to serve you.  
Whether our gift is given freely or whether we hold back;  
whether we offer abundantly or scrape off a portion;  
whether we give joyfully or resentfully – bless these gifts, we pray.  
Lead us in your way, so that through our gifts,  
we may continue to grow in your abundance and your joy. Amen.

\*SONG OF DEDICATION

*Great God of Every Blessing*

Number 694

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Choral Amen – Daniel Gawthrop*

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in F Major – Dietrich Buxtehude*

Bon Air Presbyterian Church



Whoever is faithful  
in a very little  
is faithful also in much ...

Luke 16:10, NRSV

Seeking and Serving Christ to Make a Difference  
All are Welcome!

## CLASSIC WORSHIP SERVICE

September 22, 2019

15<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

11:00 AM

(LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNALS, PEW BIBLES AND  
ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR USHERS)

\*Please stand, if able.

### GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

PRELUDE                      *Aria in F Major* – George Frederic Handel                      Stephen Henley

CHORAL INTROIT              *O Be Joyful in the Lord* – Hebrew Song                      Chancel Choir

\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 113*)                      Becky Ogburn

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

**God is wonderful! Yesterday, today and forever!**

The Lord our God has done marvelous things,

**we are blessed more than we could ever imagine.**

For all the amazing gifts we have been given,

**we praise the name of the Lord! Amen!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**We gather here, in the company of your people  
that we may know you better,  
love you with a fresh love,  
and delight to know and do your will.**

**Out of our darkness, we come to you for light;  
out of our sorrows, we come to you for joy;  
out of our doubts, we come to you for assurance;  
out of our worries, we come to you for peace;  
out of our failures, we come to you for forgiveness.**

**Draw near to us as we open ourselves to you. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*                      Number 401

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love.

Forgive us, we pray—

**when we don't see or recognize your gifts for what they are;**

**when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity;**

**when we take what you give and beg you for more;**

**when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us;**

**when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction.**

**Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment**

**that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others.**

**As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others,**

**in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

*(a moment of quiet reflection)*

SUNG RESPONSE              *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (verses 1 & 4)              Number 444

***“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.***

***Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.***

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING FORGIVENESS

Christ forgives our most impossible sins,

**overcomes our greatest fears,**

comforts our loudest cries,

**and breaks down barriers to his love and peace.**

Christ's power is present here and now.

**We are forgiven and are at peace.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE              *Hear the Good News of Salvation* (verse 1)              Number 441

***Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.***

### HEARING GOD'S WORD TO US

#### CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

*Young children may leave for Godly Play following the conversation.*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Masters, two and more,**

**competing for our money, clamoring for our time, creating chaos in our lives.**

**Master, one God,**

**quiet us and draw us near as we hear your word to us. Amen**

GOSPEL READING                      Luke 16: 1-13

THE WORD IN MUSIC                      Chancel Choir

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell* – Robert Powell

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Luke 16: 1-13

16 Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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**WELCOME!** We're glad you joined us for worship today. We are a diverse and engaging community of faith *seeking and serving Christ to make a difference*. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**8:30 a.m. Sabbath Worship Celebration**  
**11:00 a.m. Classic Worship Service**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!** Activity bags are available for children from an usher. Childcare for infants through 2 year olds is available in our nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you. Following the “Conversation with Children”, young children are welcome to go to the Preschool “Lego” Room for *Godly Play*.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** –Welcome requests for particular joys or concerns to be included in the “Prayers of the People.” Prayer Request Cards may be received from an usher and placed in the basket in the Narthex before the service.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY** are given by Kathy Kelley in memory of Beverly Berry's birthday on September 23.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** - Our Sanctuary has 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 and our ushers will help in obtaining for those who request one.

### SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

*Classes begin at 9:45 a.m.*

#### Children and Youth

Preschool: *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* (Block Room)

Primary: *Hand Chimes with Mr. Henley* (Library)

*Following Chimes - Growing in Grace and Gratitude* (Sunday School Rooms)

Middle and High School: *Way to Live* (High School Room)

#### Adults (*Descriptions for next week, September 29*)

*Old Testament Prophets for Today* (Beck Room) – We will listen to the prophesies of Elijah and Elisha as they sought to share God's commandments. Join the class to share your memories and to learn how early prophets reacted when God reached out to each of them.

*The Wired Word* (Room 104) - Should past mistakes define a person's future? Should the right to vote be restored to ex-felons? Join the discussion as we consider the role of the church and of individual Christians in working for justice that restores the lives of individuals, families and communities. Scriptures from the Old and New Testaments will guide us through our discussion. Reading materials for the coming week will be emailed on request from Sidney Whitlock, [shwhitlock7@gmail.com](mailto:shwhitlock7@gmail.com).

**MAGNETIC NAME TAGS** - Those who would like to replace the clip on their church name tag with a magnet are welcome to leave their name tag in the basket by the ushers following the service. During the week, the clip will be replaced with a magnet and the name tag will be in place on the name tag stand next Sunday.

**PRAYING TOGETHER EACH “FAITH WEDNESDAY”** - Congregational Care Ministries has designated each Wednesday as “Faith Wednesday” and invites all our members and friends to join together in prayer. To assist us in uniting in prayer, a prayer will be emailed each Wednesday to all those who receive the Weekly News. Anyone who would like to be added to the Weekly News email list is welcome to call Brenda Norton in the church office.

**JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Cost is \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/child with a family cap of \$20.00. Sign up on the sheet on bulletin board near the welcome desk or call the church office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday.

**GET ACQUAINTED DINNER – Wednesday, September 25, 6:15 p.m.** Join Pastor Janet and the Hospitality Team for dinner and an introduction to our church and our mission and ministries. This is a great way to get to know the pastor and other members and guests of our congregation. Contact the church office to sign up for this dinner.

**ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS are due by September 30.** Funds may be used for outreach ministries and benevolences, building and capital improvements, and new or special church programs. Contact Erick Kasten, erick\_kasten@gmail.com, with any questions. Please put completed applications in the endowment mailbox in the church workroom.

**RICHMONDERS INVOLVED TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES (RISC) INVESTMENT DRIVE** - Many thanks to the fourteen Bon Air Church investors in RISC. We have invested \$6,330 as of the end of August, making us about two thirds of the way to our goal. Please consider how you would like to respond to our RISC social justice actions through your own investment this year.

**MEMORIAL CONCERT - Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** Concert in memory of Sandy Sieben featuring Barbara Gregory, flute; Nancy VanAuken, piano; Steve Henley, organ; and Meredith Haynie, soprano.

**JUSTICE MINISTRY KICK-OFF DINNER - Thursday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Bring empty stomachs, open minds, and a willingness to listen. We’ll hear Harrison Hayes, Director of Pathways to Health Care Workforce, speak of building a workforce pipeline for health care jobs. Join us as we discuss the issues that matter most to our community

**CANDIDATE FORUM - Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Gather with our neighbors to hear responses by local politicians to moderated questions of community concern and then spend time getting to know them at a reception to follow.

**THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN September 22 - 29**

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Sabbath Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:45 a.m.	Children/Youth Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Education (Room 104/Beck Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Classic Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	6:30 p.m.	RISC Training (Garden Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Beck Room, Rooms 401-407)
	7:15 p.m.	Walk Away the Pounds (Room 101-103)
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	6:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Rooms 401-407)
	7:00 p.m.	GRIVA (Beck Room)
	7:00 p.m.	CE Team–Youth/Children (Middle School Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Worship Team (Garden Room)
Wednesday	Noon	Staff Meeting (Library)
	6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Get Acquainted Dinner (Beck Room)
	6:45 p.m.	Chancel Ringers (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Garden Room)
	7:15 p.m.	Walk Away the Pounds (Room 101-103)
Friday	5:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Next Sunday		Music Ministry Sunday
	8:30 a.m.	Sabbath Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:45 a.m.	Children/Youth Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Education (Room 104/Beck Room)
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