

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**We believe that the Lord has put a new song in our mouths,
a song of praise to our God.**

We believe that many will see and hear and put their trust in the Lord.

We will sing to the Lord a new song; God's praise from the end of the earth!

We will sing to God a new song; that the whole earth might sing to the Lord!

We will sing to the Lord a new song; for God has done marvelous things!

We believe that we will yet sing a new song to our Lord!

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING** *When the Morning Stars Together* Number 689

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Evan Heiter, Tenor

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING Rosie Reavey-Gilbert & Barbara Gregory, Flutists
Offertory Sonata #1 "Dolce" - George F. Telemann

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Number 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God, who has called us to live joyfully in the way of Christ,
thank you for the gift of music, the lilt of song.**

**Thank you for calling some to sing, some to play instruments,
and some to savor the notes in the silences of their beings.**

Thank you for the rich gift of music.

**May our lives be the melodies of love and grace we experience
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***SONG OF DEDICATION** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* Number 641

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *Choral Amen*

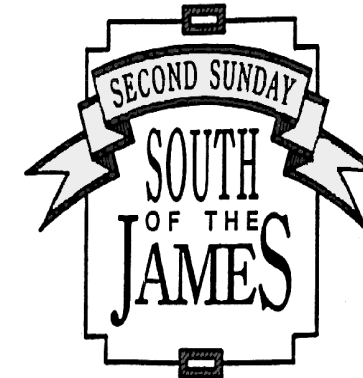
***POSTLUDE** *Concerto in A minor "Allegro" – Antonio Vivaldi*

Bon Air Presbyterian Church

Chancel Handbell Ringers

**Children's Cantus
Choir**

**Hand Chime
Choir**



Music Camp

**Chancel
Choir**

Music Ministry Sunday

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 29, 2019

MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

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

*Please stand, if able.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Winslow

Minute for Mission: Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering

Ernie Wright

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Amazing Grace" – Frederick Swann

Stephen Henley

CHORAL INTROIT

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing – Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 98)*

Cindy Wright

Sing for joy to God, all the earth;

Worship with songs and shouts of joy!

Sing praise to God! Play music on the harps and lutes!

Blow trumpets and horns

and shout for joy to the Holy One of Israel.

Let us worship our God who sang all creation into being.

*OPENING PRAYER

**We come to this place, O Lord, because somewhere in our lives
we heard you singing your love song to us.**

We come to join in adding our voices to that song.

Sing through us, Lord. Sing through us. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Fill This Holy Place with Music

Tune: Hymn to Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, from the beginning of time

you have called your children into your song of love.

Yet we confess that we have closed out the melodies of your grace.

We have been reluctant singers and have mumbled

your harmonies of forgiveness, acceptance, reconciliation, and peace,

when you called us to shout the Good News from the mountaintops.

Forgive us, Lord. Instill your song into our hearts and minds

so that it may be expressed throughout our lives.

(A moment of silent reflection and prayer)

SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Have Mercy

Number 578

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING FORGIVENESS

In Christ, we are given new life.

The old is gone away. The new is before us.

We are free to sing out the Good News of the Gospel throughout our lives.

Let us sing with free and joyful hearts before God.

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

A Grateful Heart (verse 1)

Number 652

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise my offering.

Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN

Lauren Ramsour

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as we open your Word,

we lay aside all that hinders us from listening to your voice.

We ask that you grant us grace to hear, wisdom to understand,

and courage to apply what we learn. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3: 16-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE WORD IN MUSIC

Eternal God, We Give You Thanks for Music – John Rutter

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Why the Singing?

Stephen Henley

SCRIPTURE READING

COLOSSIANS 3: 16-17

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

FILL THIS HOLY PLACE WITH MUSIC

Words by Mark Hill

Tune "Hymn to Joy"

Fill this holy place with music, songs of joy and hymns of praise.
Giving glory, thanks, and honor, joined as one, our anthems raise.
Telling of your might and power, singing of your love and grace,
With the hosts of saints and angels, may your music fill this place.

Still our restless hearts with music, calm our fears and soothe our pain.
Though we toil with heavy burdens, may we join the glad refrain.
When our song gives way to silence, may your music peace impart.
Grant us hope and strength and courage, let your music fill each heart.

Permeate our lives with music, with your song each moment fill.
Far beyond the benediction, may your music linger still.
May our hearts and hands and voices, everything we do and say,
Sing your praise through work and service, let your music fill each day.

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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.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Special children's bulletins and 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 - We welcome requests for particular joys or concerns to be included in the "Prayers of the People." Please write your request on a Prayer Request Card and place it in the basket in the Narthex before the service.

Please let us know that you are here today!
During the service, please sign the blue friendship pad.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Children and Youth

Preschool: *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* (Block Room)
Primary: *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* (Sunday School Rooms)
Middle and High School: *Way to Live* (High School Room)

Adults (*Descriptions for next week, October 6*)

Old Testament Prophets for Today (Beck Room) – So, what else do you know about the prophet who gave us “let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream”? There is much that is worth knowing!

The Wired Word (Room 104) – Do you get angry fast and more often than you did a few years ago? According to a recent NPR-IBM Watson Health poll, about 84 percent of Americans say they are angrier today than they were a generation ago. Is anger a negative emotion? In what ways, if at all, have you adjusted how you express your anger from how you did in your youth? Come join the discussion in Room 104 next Sunday, October 6.

MEMORIAL CONCERT – TODAY at 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.

ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS are due TOMORROW. 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.

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.

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. RSVP on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

PEACE STUDY/ACTION GROUP will meet next month on **Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 p.m.** to explore ways to “revitalize,” welcome new members, update everyone on our history, take a look at the current work of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, and make plans for the coming year. If you have a special interest in peace and social justice issues, please join us at church for this start-up meeting. Questions? Email Deborah Houghton at debho@comcast.net or call her at 484-0153.

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.

THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING! Put on your boots, sneakers, or sandals and join our youth and neighbors at the CROP Walk to raise funds for local and national hunger assistance programs. This year, the walk will take off from **All Saints Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 20.**

THIS WEEK AT BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN September 29 – October 6

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	<u>Music Ministry Sunday</u> 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)
	4:00 p.m.	Memorial Concert for Sandy Sieben (Sanctuary)
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Yoga (Room 101-103)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Beck Room, Rooms 401-407)
	7:15 p.m.	Walk Away the Pounds (Room 101-103)
	8:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Leaders (Library)
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Friendship Café (Beck Room)
	6:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Wednesday	Noon	Staff Meeting (Library)
	6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 p.m.	Chancel Ringers (Sanctuary)
	6:45 p.m.	Cantus Children’s Choir (Children’s Music Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Garden Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Team (Garden Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education – Adults (Library)
	7:15 p.m.	Walk Away the Pounds (Room 101-103)
Friday	5:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Room 101-103)
Next Sunday		<u>World Communion Sunday</u>
	8:30 a.m.	Sabbath Communion 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 Communion Worship Service (Sanctuary)