

Gluten free bread is available. When you arrive please ask the ushers for the gluten free bread.

Stewardship 2021 Many thanks to those who have turned in pledge cards. To date we have received 43 pledges for a total of \$134,350.00. If you have not received a pledge card, please ask the ushers for one.

NICKEL-A-MEAL HUNGER RELIEF OFFERING: Separate from the regular offering; the name refers to how some place a nickel in a container each time they sit down for a meal, as a reminder that many go without food. Our offering is combined with other Presbyterian churches to alleviate hunger nearby and throughout the globe.

Prayer for the Pastor Nomination Committee

Dear Heavenly Father,
We pray for the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee: McNair, Nancy, Susan, Don, Emily, Lyndsay & Michelle so that they may have God's clear direction in bringing the right person to Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. We pray they will feel your presence in every decision. Amen.

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WELCOME

Welcome, Visitors! We are pleased you have chosen to be with us today and pray this time of worship will be a blessing to you. BEPC is a PCUSA congregation filled with people of many different backgrounds. Whatever your tradition, we invite you to participate in the activities of the congregation while you are here.

If you want to know more about Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian denomination or membership, see an Elder or the Pastor. We would welcome you as a member by Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer from another church. If you are in town for only part of the year, you might consider Affiliate Membership. We would love to have you as a part of our loving church family!

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

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For the protection of all, please wear a mask/face covering if you leave your car.

Service for the Lord's Day

September 6, 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock

We Gather Before the Word

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SIMPLE GIFTS

AMERICAN FOLK-CARTER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 105:1-6

L: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

P: Give thanks to the Lord.

L: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

P: Give thanks to the Lord.

L: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

P: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise are God's due. Let us worship God!

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Hymn *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LAAST UNS ERFREUN

**1 Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
**4 May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

LITANY OF CONFESSION

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,
Merciful God, deliver us.
From selfishness and vain desires,
Merciful God, deliver us.
From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,
Merciful God, deliver us.
From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,
Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.
(A moment of silent, personal confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and set free to live a new life in him. Thanks be to God!

We Engage the Word

SPECIAL MUSIC *THE LOVE OF GOD* LEHMAN
SUZIE FISK, FLUTE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 29:15-30:13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Series: Who Are Your People?

SERMON Rachel and Leah: Sibling Rivalry REV. GUESS

We Respond to the Word

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Elements
(NOTE: The juice cups in the prepackaged units tend to spill when the foil is removed. Be careful not to squeeze in the process.)

Prayer and 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.

HYMN *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* O QUANTA QUALIA

**1 Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.**

**3 When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.**

We Follow the Word into the World

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *JESUS SHALL REIGN* HUTTON

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