

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

Celebrating 128 years of commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior



Equipping Saints since 1893

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Traditional 11:00 a.m.

October 10, 2021

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Celebration Of The Lord's Day

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10 , 2021

Gathering of God's Family

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we welcome you and are honored to worship with you. Please pass the Friendship Register and provide contact information so that we may greet you and welcome you further.

PRELUDE

Soliloquy

L. Barrus

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, you satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love

P: So, we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

L: Let your servants see your glory, the ways you lead and bless your children.

P: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.

A: For all good things come from the Lord, let us worship in praise and gratitude!

*HYMN 631

In the Presence of Your People

CELEBRATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Praying in Unison*)

Our God, who sees all and knows all. We come before you knowing that we can hide nothing from you. There are no secrets or lies that we can conceal. We confess that we have held onto what you have given with tight fists. We admit that there are gifts, talents, wealth, and time that we are not able to give to grow the Kingdom, feed the hungry, house the orphan, comfort the sick and lonely. That when you have extended your hand and given us the opportunity to go with you, we turned the other way. Forgive us, we come before you this day ready to follow you. Prepare our hearts for the journey.

(A moment of silent personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Titus 3:4-7

L: Friends, hear the good news: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

All: This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Amen.

Engaging the Word

ANTHEM

Here Am I Lord, Send Me

Lani Smith

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Job 23:8-12

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 10:17-31

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Things You Can Leave Behind

REV. RACHAEL MCCONNELL

Responding to God's Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

2 Tim. 2:11-13

The saying is sure:

If we have died with Christ,

we will also live with him;

if we endure,

we will also reign with him;

if we deny him,

he will also deny us;

if we are faithless,

he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

*HYMN 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

OFFERTORY

Plainte (Lamentation)

L. Boellmann

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

Following the Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Listen To The Word

Anonymous

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. L. Smith
tune: St. Denio

*Congregation please stand, if able

Liturgical Color: Green

Note to hearing aid users: BEPC is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop system. Many hearing aids have a special setting that connect directly to such systems; check with your audiologist!

COVID Policy: Bear with one another in love (Colossians 3:13-14). In any community, there are different opinions about how to go about doing things. We know that some folks wish we had more restrictions, while others wish we had fewer. We seek to be a community in Christ bound together in his unity. In Christian love and charity we want to welcome our children and immunocompromised to worship in person, so we ask that all who attend services wear a mask and we can provide one for you if needed. We want to extend a welcome to all to hear the Gospel and worship God. We seek to listen for God's wisdom and these policies will be revisited and revised as needed.

We welcome you to our services with Christian Love. If you are not yet comfortable attending worship services in the sanctuary, you can view the 11 AM worship service on our YouTube channel each Sunday after 1 PM: www.BannerElkPresbyterian.org/videos. Also watch weekly devotionals for children and mission features. Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bannerelkpresbyterian> to enjoy videos of special music and get other updates from the church. These links are "live" on the website. Another option is to listen live to either worship service from the parking lot on FM 106.7.

On Behalf of The Presbytery of Western North Carolina, you are invited to join us in the Ordination and Instillation of Pastor Rachael McConnell. This once in a lifetime service will take place in our sanctuary at 3:00pm this Sunday, October 10th, with a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service. All are invited to join us in a service of worship, the Lord's Supper, and of celebrating the callings that God places on each of our lives.

Stewardship 2022 Many thanks to those of you that have turned in a pledge card. To date we have received 88 pledges for a total of \$291,510 for 2022. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card please consider doing so. Pledge cards can be found in the pews or in the office. You can also enter your pledge online through our website. Your pledged commitment not only supports BEPC, it supports so many of our missions and ministries. Together in Christian love we do change lives.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE. LARGE PRINT BIBLES ARE IN THE NARTHEX.

NURSERY: Children up to four years old may attend our nursery which is located on the main floor behind the Sanctuary. If you are in our Sanctuary and facing the Cross, the door to the right will lead you to the nursery. It is located in **Room 105**.

WORSHIP BAGS: Worship bags are available for children who remain during the worship service. The bags provide reading material, writing pads and crayons to give children a quiet activity during the service. Children's worship bulletins for ages 3-6 are in the bags. The worship bags are located in the Narthex.

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!

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday:

- 9:30am - Adult Sunday School Class
- 9:30am - Children's Music (outside)
- 10:00am - Children's Sunday School Class (outside)
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 3:00pm - Ordination Service for Rachael McConnell

Monday:

- 9:00am - BEPC Preschool
- 2:00pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry -1st & 3rd Mondays
Contact Alice Johnson 979-219-2104

Tuesday:

- 9:00am - BEPC Preschool
Habitat for Humanity - contact Steve Bender (828) 898-8271

Wednesday:

- 9:00am - BEPC Preschool
- 10:00am Comfort Makers in Classroom 213 contact Debi: (828) 387-4914
- 4:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday:

- 9:00am - BEPC Preschool
- 11:15am - ROMEOS - meet at church
- 6:30pm - Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

- 9:00am - BEPC Preschool
Feeding Avery Families - Newland - contact Dick Larson - (828) 260-5389



The Adult Vocal Choir returns and it's an exciting time to join. Our new Choir Director, Nina Allbert, and Accompanist, David Soyars, invite anyone who loves to sing to become a part of this fun group. Nina has a beautiful selection of anthems waiting for singers. Weekly rehearsals are on Thursdays, 6:30-8 PM. The choir also gathers in the choir room at 10:30 AM on Sundays for a recap of the anthem. Please let us know if you would like to join us! Email Nina Allbert at Ninaallbert@icloud.com or David Soyars at david@davidsoyars.com. They will be delighted to answer any questions.

As our seasonal residents begin leaving Banner Elk for the winter, we would appreciate very much if you would contact the church office to ensure we have your correct contact information for the winter. You may call the church office at 828-898-5406 or email office@bannerekpresbyterian.org.

OUR PRAYERS

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands - O prosper the work of our hands@!” Psalm 90

Prayer Concerns

- Julie Myers and family as they mourn the death of Julie’s husband, Phil Oct. 6th
- Bob & Angela Todd as they mourn the death of Bob’s brother, John Todd, Oct. 1st
- Nancy Kennedy and family as they mourn the death of her grandson, John Rogers Kennedy, 9/27
- Martie Dodd, with bacterial pneumonia.
- Jean Kohler recovering from a Whipple procedure surgery on 9/7/21.
- Carolyn West in hospice care. Prayers for comfort and strength
- Libby McGowan with ongoing health concerns
- Those who are home-bound or in assisted living: John Balmer, Lee Council, Marianne Gore, Larry Kennedy.
- Our partner institutions: Arca de Noé (partner church in Guatemala), Lees-McRae College, Grandfather Home for Children, Cannon Memorial Hospital
- Hui and Gordon Causby, teachers in China
- Hebron Colony & Bethel Colony ministries
- New Opportunity School for Women
- Those with on-going health concerns: Isaiah Bender, Hugh Clark, Erika Deal, Mary Dickinson, Emily Koski, Andrew Muehleisen, Julie Myers, Jose Palacios, Roxanna Nicholes, Ashley Smith, Ted Nye.

If you have a prayer concern or celebration to include in the bulletin, please communicate it to the church office, preferably via email, no later than first thing Thursday morning. Always check to ensure the person being considered approves of the inclusion in the bulletin. Per the Communications Committee, prayer requests will remain on the weekly emails until the end of each month; at which time they will be removed. If prayer is still needed, please contact the church office to have the person added back to the list for an additional month.

BEST WISHES AND BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: October 12: Ben Earwood; October 15: Camilla Dick.

ROMEOS: The men’s lunch group, known as the ROMEOS (retired old men eating out) enjoys good food and good fellowship each Thursday. Anyone can meet at the week’s restaurant at 11:30 or meet at church at 11:15 to carpool. You do not have to be “retired” or “old” or male to attend. We hope many will join us.

TODAY

USHERS: Donna and Bill Dicks
Julian and Chrissy Clark

MEDIA: Mark File

SEXTON: Dan Akerblom

NURSERY STANDBY:

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER PICKUP: Alice Johnson A.C. Marriott

OCTOBER ELDER OF THE MONTH: Rick Garrett **ASSISTANT:** Carol Larson

OCTOBER SHEPHERD: El Wilson & Susan Blalock

NEXT SUNDAY

Jim and Dee Ferguson
Rick and Nancy Owen
Mark File
Steve Bender

FOR THE RECORD

Worship Attendance: Total

October 3: 110

Elders for Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

Class 2021

Bob Blalock
Carol Larson
Lyndsay Ennis
Bob Todd

Class 2022

Luana Anderson
Murry Haber
Don Hilsmier
Deka Tate

Class 2023

Donna Dicks
Rick Garrett
Alice Johnson
Janet Speer



Stephen Ministry Congregation

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A.C. Marriott, BEPC Preschool Director: acmarriott@bannerelkpresbyterian.org

In the Presence of Your People 631

(Psalm 22)



1 In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will praise your name,
 2 All who love you sing your prais - es and pro - claim your power,
 3 All who seek your rule will praise you and be sat - is - fied;



for a - lone you are ho - ly, en - throned on the prais - es of Is - ra - el.



Let us cel - e - brate your good - ness and your stead - fast love;
 You have not ig - nored our suf - fering but have heard our cry;
 All - the peo - ples of the na - tions will bow down to you;



may your name be ex - alt - ed here on earth and in heaven a - bove.

This text based on the affirmative later parts of Psalm 22 (especially verses 3, 22–28) has an unusual structure, with alternating lines of stanza and refrain. It also has an uncommon history, as the first stanza was written in New Zealand and the remaining stanzas in Canada.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.