



# BANNER ELK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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



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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Traditional 11:00 a.m.

# November 21, 2021

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# Celebration Of The Lord's Day

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 21, 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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Eric Hillestad, saxophone

arr. C. Anderson tune: Nicaea

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Prewer

L: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing.**

L: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

### \*HYMN 265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Praying in Unison*)

Sovereign God, this world is full of those who desire to rule. Who desire to influence. Forgive us when we use our own resources and influence to avoid sacrifice, service, or to hoard. Our one true King, the Lord of all, Jesus Christ was a servant king. Forgive us when we model ourselves over the rulers of our time, rather than the ruler of all time and space of heaven and earth. Forgive our disregard, our apathy, and our bitter tempers. Forgive us when we ask for a king, when we know that Jesus sits enthroned. When we trust the loud voices over the quiet whispers of truth. Jesus, the prince of peace, forgive us.

*(A moment of silent personal confession)*

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first. Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another, and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the way of our Sovereign. Go, knowing you are forgiven, and love and serve one another, as Christ serves us. Amen.

## *Engaging the Word*

ANTHEM

*For The Beauty Of The Earth*

John Rutter

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 1:4-8

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*King of the Kin-dom, The King of Kings*

Rev. Rachael McConnell

## *Responding to God's Word*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**UNISON**)

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, 7.023 – 7.026*

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer? Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet? Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation. How does Christ execute the office of a priest? Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us. How does Christ execute the office of a king? Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

\*HYMN 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Give Thanks*

arr. J. Raney

Suzie Fisk, flute

\*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,**

*Following the Word into the World*

\*BENEDICTION

*I Love You Lord*

Laurie Klein

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending*

arr. N. Rawsthorne

tune: Helmsley

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\*Congregation please stand, if able

Liturgical Color: White

**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!

*The cornucopia in the sanctuary is give to the Glory of God  
By Dr. Janet Speer and Barbara Sundstrom*

**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](http://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.

**The Churches of Banner Elk invite everyone to join us on the evening of November 21st for a Community Thanksgiving Meal and Worship Service at Holston Presbyterian Camp Dining Hall.** We will gather at 5:30PM, meal starts at 6:00PM. We are asking all that attend to bring a covered dish. The camp will supply all the drinks. Banner Elk Christian Fellowship is providing ham for the evening. During the Meal there will be devotionals, Scripture, and Hymns. All are welcome!

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

**Hanging of the Greens:** We have discovered that the Community Thanksgiving Potluck Supper will be November 21. We had previously planned to have our Hanging of the Greens and Chili Supper at this same time. There was also some confusion as to when the "hanging" is since it's listed twice. Here is our new schedule

Today after church: Chili and cornbread lunch. Then decorate the church in preparation for the next Sunday which begins Advent. All invited!

November 28 - First Sunday of Advent: At the beginning of the service, we will add to the decorations that are up already, symbolically doing this for "Hanging of the Greens" Sunday. Families will come forward and hang ornaments on the tree, completing the Hanging of the Greens.

**This Advent & Christmas, journey with us as we take steps to move closer to the home God envisions for us:**

Sun, Nov 28 @ 11 AM: Hope | Hanging of the Greens

Sat, Dec 4 @ 3 PM: Community Carol Sing

Sun, Dec 5 @ 11: Peace | Lessons and Carols

Sun, Dec 12 @ 11: Joy | Children's Nativity

Sun, Dec 19 @ 11: Love | Longest Night

Fri, Dec 24 @ 3 & 5 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight

Sun, Dec 26 @ 11: Christmastide

Sun, Jan 2 @ 11: Following the Light | Star Words

Sun, Jan 9 @ 11: Epiphany | Gifts for Jesus

### 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!

**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.

## 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

### **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



**Join us as we host a Community Carol Sing on Saturday, December 4th at 3 PM** - and invite friends and family! Part of the Small Town Christmas weekend created by the Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce, the 45-minute sing-a-long will include favorites for adults and children alike. Read more: [www.bannerelkpresbyterian.org/carol-sing](http://www.bannerelkpresbyterian.org/carol-sing)

**The Advent in Plain Sight books are here!** If you signed up to participate in the Advent study via Zoom OR you are going to use it at home privately, you may pick up your copy in the office door's outer vestibule on the RAM box. Please check off your name when you get your copy. Instructions for the schedule of readings are included in each book. **Please note that we are changing our Zoom meeting nights from Tuesday to Sunday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning on Nov.28.**

**Lessons & Carols: December 5, 11 AM:** Join us for a beloved Advent tradition that combines scripture readings and music to portray the Christmas miracle. Our music features lush and creative choral settings of traditional carols, as well as inspiring songs by handbells, flutes and soloists. Congregational carols round out this celebratory service and communion will be served. Please invite

## OUR PRAYERS

*“The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.” Psalm 93*

### Prayer Concerns

- Shirley Chesser (Kathy Ward’s mother) recovering from broken hip, pelvis, & shoulder due to a fall. She is now in Hospice care at home.
- Kathleen Millander (Donna Dicks’ niece) recovering from extensive abdominal surgery which has delayed her kidney transplant
- Sylvia Hahn recovering from successful carotid artery surgery
- Maxine Sellars (Cheryl Kirkpatrick’s mother) recovering from a broken hip
- Andrew Muehleisen (Bill & Sue Ferguson’s nephew) as he begins aggressive chemo and radiation for brain cancer
- Allen and Nancy Clark as they mourn the death of Allen’s brother, Col. Hal Clark Nov. 6
- Jim Ferguson recovering from neck surgery November 9
- Bill Ferguson recovering from back surgery November 8
- Debi Tornow recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Alisa Ballard recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Carolyn West in hospice care. Prayers for comfort and strength
- Libby McGowan with ongoing health concerns but doing better
- Those who are home-bound or in assisted living: John Balmer, Lee Council, 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
- Time for a Change Program
- Those with on-going health concerns: Isaiah Bender, Hugh Clark, Erika Deal, Mary Dickinson, Emily Koski, 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:** Nov.25: Elizabeth Bender, Ron McGowan;  
Nov. 26: Dan Akerblom; Nov. 27: Bryce Pittman, Jane McKinney.

**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@bannereelpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@bannereelpresbyterian.org).

**TODAY**

**USHERS:** Rick Garrett & Barbara Sundstrom  
El Wilson & Dan Akerblom

**MEDIA:** Mark File

**SEXTON:** Eric Hillstad

**NURSERY STANDBY:**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER PICKUP:** Don & Judy Hilsmier

**NOVEMBER ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Carol Larson **ASSISTANT:** Lyndsay Ennis

**NOVEMBER SHEPHERD:** Emily Garrett and Nancy Owen

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Rick Garrett & Barbara Sundstrom  
Bill & Donna Dicks

Mark File

Dan Ankerblom

Debbi Hagna

**FOR THE RECORD**

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| <b>Worship Attendance:</b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
| November 7                 | 84                  |
| November 14                |                     |

**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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# 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - or's pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voice - es  
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

## 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

## Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

9 As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One<sup>[a]</sup> took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
10 A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

13 As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being<sup>[a]</sup>  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One<sup>[b]</sup>  
and was presented before him.  
14 To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

## Revelation 1:4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits  
who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and  
the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed<sup>[a]</sup> us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made<sup>[b]</sup> us to be a kingdom, priests  
serving<sup>[c]</sup> his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Al-  
mighty