

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1, 2012

1st Sunday after Christmas

10:00 AM

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

*Please stand, if able.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PEACE

PRELUDE

Piano Prelude

Ben Houghton

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jeremiah 31

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away.

People: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion; they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.

Leader: I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

People: For thus says the Lord: proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

Leader: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

You are holy, God our heavenly Parent. You are holy, Jesus, our heavenly/earthly brother. You are holy, Spirit of God in the church. As we worship you, consecrate us by your purifying Spirit that we may become your children. Amen.

*HYMN:

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Number 22

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, you chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as he taught. You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when he calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight you have made known to us the mystery of your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of his glory... (Silent, personal confession)

KYRIE

Number 574

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Gloria Patri

Number 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 2:22-40

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE:

"Baby Pictures"

Gordon Mapes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Piano Solo

Ben Houghton

*DOXOLOGY (Tune Dix)

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;

So may we with holy joy, pure, an free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN:

Let Us Break Bread Together

Number 513

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...and lift our voices in joyful praise:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: ...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Hear us, then, as we pray as Christ taught us...

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Number 31

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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. If this is your first visit, please accept a gift of love in the form of a book located in the narthex. It is yours to enjoy.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. Worship bags are available from the ushers. From June through August we worship at 9:30AM. You are cordially invited to our reception in the office entranceway following each summer service. From September through May, Sunday worship is at 8:30AM and 11:00AM. The first Sunday of each month we hold an alternative worship experience at 6:00PM. During worship children are invited to come forward for the Children's Conversation. Toddlers through older children are then invited to our Extended Session for children. Parents who prefer childcare for infants-2 year olds will find our nursery located in our education wing. An usher will be glad to direct you.

Our Sunday school hour is 9:45AM to 10:45AM. There are classes for children through adult. An education brochure is available with brief descriptions of each class.

If you are a visitor we hope you will make Bon Air Presbyterian Church your church home. Please pick up a copy of *The Outreach*, our church newsletter. It's full of activities and program schedules to assist you in finding areas of interest in ministries, and is available in the narthex. Our pastors and elders would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our many programs and activities, and to discuss membership with you at your earliest convenience. As a first time visitor, we offer the gift of a book, found in the narthex. Take it with you as a token of our appreciation for your visit today.

Gordon B. Mapes, III, Interim Pastor
Shawn Thomas Smith, Associate Pastor
Stephen E. Henley, Director of Music
Brenda M. Norton, Office Manager
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Almighty God, as we pray for the Church Universal, we pray for God's Blessing on the Church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened; may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged; may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort; may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed; may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship

Wednesday night dinner: Sign-in between 6:00-6:15 PM. Dinner starts at 6:15 PM. Sign-up on sheet located on bulletin board next to office, or call the church office. **Please make reservations or cancellations by 3:00 PM Monday.** Cost is \$5.00 per adult/\$3.00 per child with a household cap of \$16.00.

Volleyball has returned to the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm. All ability levels are welcome and cherished.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-40 (Page 71, New Testament)

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This Week at BAPC: January 1-7, 2011

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall / Room 104)
	9:30 a.m.	YOGA (Room 208-210)
	6:30 p.m.	Prime Time Circle (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Beck Room / SS Rooms)
	7:15 p.m.	Walk Away the Pounds (Room 208-210)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Friendship Café (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Middle School Room)
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Cantus Choir (Choir Room)
	6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Friendship Café (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	YOGA (Room 101-103)
	7:00 p.m.	Herb Stone Orchestra (Beck Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Division (Library)
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball (Fellowship Hall)
	7:15 p.m.	Walk Away the Pounds (Room 101-103)
Friday	5:30 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall/Middle School Room)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Whitlock Family Gathering (Beck Room)

In observance of the New Years Holiday the church office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated today. The Communion trays contain both wine and grape juice. Non-alcoholic juice is in the outer rings. For gluten, wheat, dairy & corn allergies, as well as vegan preferences, please see an usher to receive an appropriate wafer. Following worship, empty cups may be placed in the receptacles at the back of the sanctuary.

The grocery cart in the Sanctuary today reminds us of our support of the 2¢-a-Meal Program and Bainbridge Community Center Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items may be placed in the cart. The 2¢-a-Meal bucket is available for your monetary donations. Please give generously.

Fairly traded **coffee, tea and chocolate** will be sold next Sunday, January 8, in the church office lobby after each worship service.