

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018

Gathering of God's People

Prelude Tallis' Canon arr. Page

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving,
as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.**

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 634 To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

Hear our prayers. (silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria #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. Amen.

*Hymn of Meditation 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Story Time Nicodemus-John 3: 1-10

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Offertory Be Thou My Vision arr. Martin

*Doxology #592

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.

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
(Libba Brockman, flute)

Scripture John 3: 16-21
Sermon *"Choices"* Rev. Terry Hanna

Responding to the Word

*Psalm of Commitment Psalm 107

When we cried to you with our troubles, O Lord, you saved us from our distress.

We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful works to all of humanity.

We will go out into the world and witness to the Lord for his steadfast love and mercy. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment 203 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*Benediction

**May the love of God go with you from this place.
May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

*Postlude Postlude on "Ebenezer" arr. Young

*Please stand, if able.

Thank you to Libba Brockman for sharing her gift of music with us today!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 14th

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

“Six and One”

5:00 p.m. Confirmation class

6:30 p.m. Soup, Salad, and Bread Supper
(thanks to Mountain Perks and Julia Hunt)

Thursday, March 15th

8am Men’s Breakfast at the iron Skillet

Looking Ahead

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 25th

11:00 a.m. Cantata – *“The Road to Holy Week”*

Monday, March 26th

12:00 p.m. Holy Week lunches begin at First Baptist Church
(today is BCPC’s day)

Thursday, March 29th

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 1st

9:00 a.m. Worship in the courtyard

9:45 a.m. Pancake breakfast
(Easter egg hunt)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

BCPC Elders

Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Bob Jordan, Terry Palmatier

BCPC Staff

Pastor – Rev. Terry Hanna; Minister of Music – Rev. Rachel Lackey;
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