

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church  
September 23, 2018 - Sky Sunday**

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**Gathering of God's People**

Prelude *Like the Golden Sun Arising* Manz

**Preparation for Worship**

Call to Worship (please read bold)

We invite the skies to worship with us:

**the subtle orange skies at dawn and the bold red skies at sunset.**

We join the heavens in praising God:

**proclaiming God's glory across the globe and hailing God's name with the evening stars.**

We join with the atmosphere in worship:

**the air, the moisture, the oxygen, the wind - all the expressions of God's Spirit.**

We call the clouds to celebrate with storms:

**to carry the life-giving drops of rain that give hope and healing to Earth.**

We invite the winds to join our petitions:

**to carry our prayers to God above and breathe our hopes to Christ.**

We celebrate the song of the skies!

**Sing! Skies! Sing! LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn of Praise 17 *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*

Reading 1 *Philippians 2: 14-15*

Prayer for the Day (unison)

**God, our Creator, as we look into the skies we celebrate the wonders of the world that surround us. Help us to see your presence in the evening sky, to see your Spirit in the wind, and to see your mercy in the falling rain. Teach us to hear the good news from the sky celebrating the glory of God in Earth. Rejoice with us as we behold the dawn revealing the mysteries of the skies above and Earth below. In the name of Christ who unites heaven and Earth, 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.

Story Time

\*Hymn of Meditation 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Reading 2 *Psalms 19: 1-6*

Prayers of the People & 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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. Young

\*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 *All Within Me* Parks  
Libba Brockman - Flute

Scripture Sermon *James 5: 13-16*  
"The Prayer of Faith" Rev. Terry Hanna

**Responding to the Word**

Sending (please read bold)

Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to serve Earth by caring for creation, especially the atmosphere above that gives breath to all creatures of Earth.

**We will celebrate the winds! We will plead for creation!  
We will flood the sky with prayers! Amen.**

\*Hymn of Commitment 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

\*Benediction

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

\*Postlude *Fantasy on "Foundation"* arr. Jordan

\*Please stand, if able.

**Mission Statement of The Bryson City Presbyterian Church**

*We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we...*

***Engage** and encourage one another in worship and fellowship*

***Learn** together as we grow in discipleship and*

***Reach** out in love*

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Terry on vacation

**Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast

**Looking Ahead**

**Next Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Mountain Sunday**

Storyteller Donna Marie Todd will lead worship.

**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting



**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

BCPC Fall Picnic

It will be at the Deep Creek Picnic Shelter this year,  
after worship.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and “pot luck” sides, salads and desserts.

Sign-up sheet in the hallway.

YTD Income	96,128
YTD Expenses	<u>100,389</u>
Net	(\$4,261)

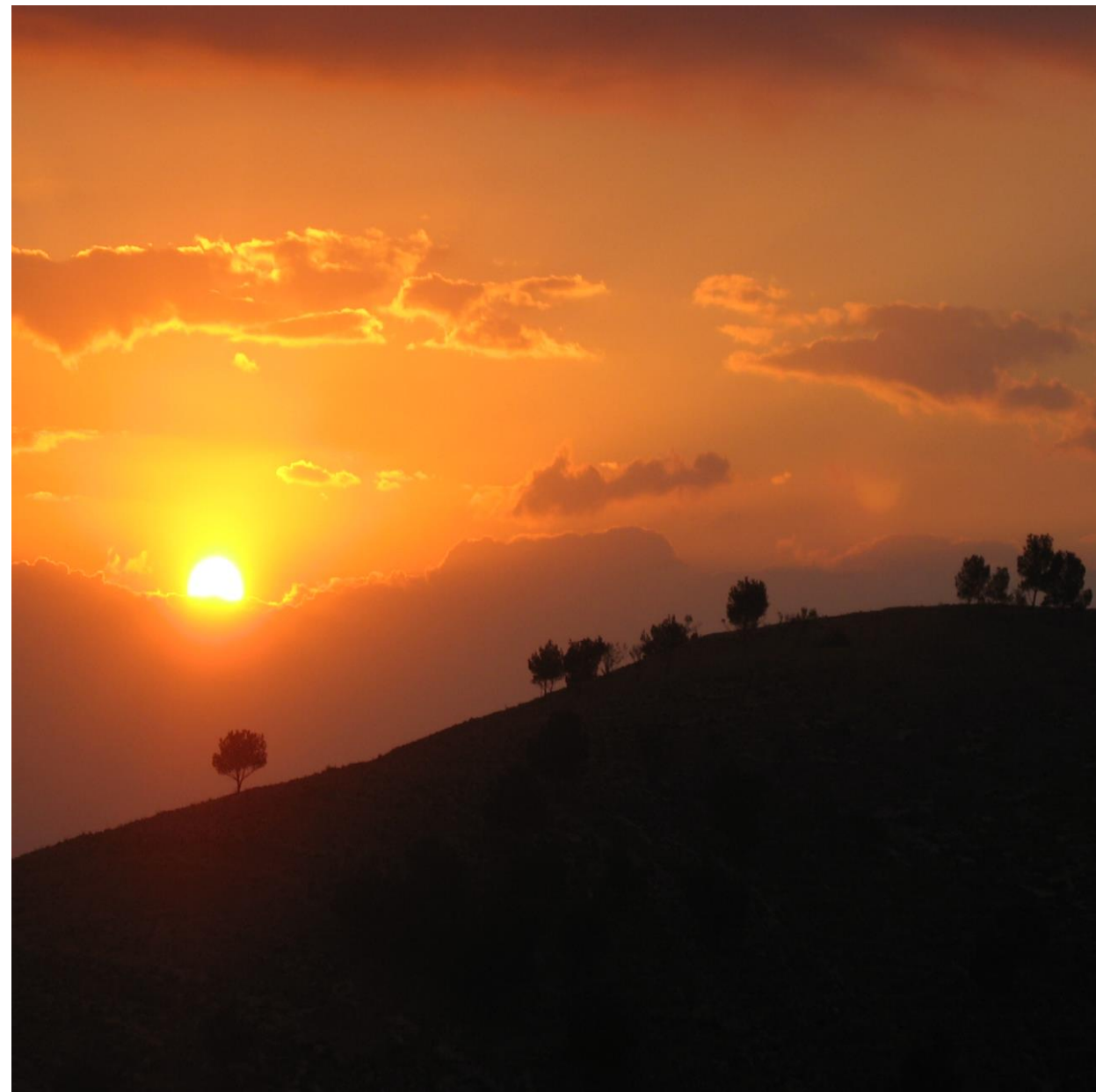
**BCPC Elders**

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

**BCPC Staff**

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

Administrative Assistant – Lori Anderson; Nursery – Josie Parker; Custodian – Renee Mercer



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