

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 118

Leader:

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

People:

Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give God thanks.

All:

Let us worship God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader:

The peace of Christ be with you all.

People:

And also with you.

*Response Chorus

Oh, how He loves you and me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you; Oh how He loves me;

Oh, how He loves you and me.

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Things That Make For Peace

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen. We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb. We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through, us the gift of God’s peace. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Daily Change Offering

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-44

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. A-men.

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

CHORAL ANTHEMS

Gethsemane,

They Crucified My Lord

THE SENDING

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the love of God go with you from this place.

May your hours and days show forth his praise.

*Rise in body or spirit.

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The Prayer of Confession is from “Feasting on the Word,” Edited by Kimberly Long.

The Affirmation of Faith is by Rev. Julia Seymour

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Lisa Monnat

The Choir will be singing selections from the Cantata Journey to Hope during the Lenten Season.

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshipping here for the first time today, Welcome! We are glad to have you join in our worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. It is also on Facebook Live Stream.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Pastor Beth is leading a class on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. This class is discussion-based and open to any adult or teen who would like to come. During the session of Lent we are studying spiritual disciplines.

FLOWER CHART: There is a Flower Chart in the narthex, on the left as you enter the main door. If you would like to bring flowers for our Sanctuary please write your name and telephone number under the month and date. If you would like to donate them in honor or memory of someone please drop a note in the offering plate.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship today. The purpose of the meeting will be to call a meeting of the corporation, elect officers of the corporation, elect a nominating committee, and hear a brief report on the church budget. The names put forward as officers of the corporation are: Dan Manley - President, Bob Jordan - Vice President/Secretary, Carol Sussman - Treasurer. The names put forward for a Nominating Committee are: Bill Helwig - Chair, Collin Caldwell and Beth Brannon.

FLOWERS FOR CROSS: Please remember to bring flowers to decorate the Cross on Easter Sunday.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT: Easter Breakfast will be Sunday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m. followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Service at 11:00 a.m.

YARD SALE: The Church will have a Yard Sale Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:15 am. Anyone is welcome, Please join us!

Back Porch Bible Study - Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Rich. For more information call Martha at 770-851-6852.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Parlor.

Session Meeting - Every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Mountain Perks except for the second Thursday of each month when the location will be decided on.

Men's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Daily Change Offering - Every second Sunday of each month.

Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch, and have fellowship.

Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

Food Pantry - Every Monday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and every Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Welcome Wednesdays - Manna distributes every other Wednesday at the Church Food Pantry for anyone who wishes to pick up food.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

AI-Anon Meeting- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



Maundy Thursday Service

April 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Community Potluck & Worship

12:00 noon Monday the 14th and Friday the 18th at noon at the Bryson City Presbyterian Church - tableware and drinks provided

Easter Sunday at BCPC

Sunday the 20th breakfast at 9:00 followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m.



This is a QR Code and can be scanned by your phone's camera. If your phone does not have this capacity, you can download an app. This code is linked to the church's Paypal account.

BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Sammi Birchfield (Discipleship & Community Outreach), Randy Bumgarner (Building & Grounds), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Clerk), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Martha Rich (Congregational Life), Carol Sussman (Finance)

BCPC Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

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Bryson City Presbyterian Church April 13, 2025



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Mission Statement of 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.