

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 19, 2026

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The disciples proclaimed, "We have seen the Lord."  
**People: Christ, we come to see you and to praise our divine Father.**  
Leader: Jesus reminds us: "Blessed are those who believe and do not see."  
**People: Lord, we come in faith. Deepen our trust in your promises.**  
Leader: In our coming and going,  
**People: Savior, we ask you to draw near and stay with us.**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 246 *Christ is Alive!*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are times when we hold on to our faith, but we take that strength for granted. Forgive us when we forget the roots of our faithfulness, as well as those who enable us to remain steadfast. There are times when we do not hold on to the truth of your promises. You understand our doubts in this age of skepticism. May we find the tenacity to believe that your Living Spirit holds on to us.

*Continue in Silent Prayer*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**

\*GLORIA 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen  
World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*

## THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1: 15-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 664 *Morning Has Broken*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

a retelling of Luke 24: 13-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"Take Your Time"*

Rev. Tempe Fussell

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is the ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

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

OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY 609

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus, fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia alleluia!*

\*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

\*HYMN 250 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

## 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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Leading in worship today:

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Tempe Fussell  
**Music Director:** Kathy Wiggins  
**Elder of the Month:** Diana Ranson

# 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 and You Tube Live Stream.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASS:** Pastor Beth leads 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.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday Bible Study will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Wednesday April 29th Bible Study will be cancelled.

**FELIX MENDELSSOHN “ELIJAH” AT WCU:** There is a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to carpool Sunday, April 26th.

**WILDFLOWER HIKE:** There is one more Tuesday Wildflower Hike at Deep Creek scheduled for April 28th at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those that do not have a parking sticker or wish to carpool.

**CHURCH T-SHIRTS:** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in a Church T-Shirt.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** There are revised Church Directories available for pick up in the office. Please let us know if there are changes that need to be made.

**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, 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.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 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** - Session meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

**Women’s Breakfast** - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Everett Street Diner 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.

**Manna Market 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 at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Also, in the Fellowship Hall, the last Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.



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**BCPC Elders:** Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Collin Caldwell (Clerk), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Community Outreach), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Melanie Lambert & Diana Ranson (Congregational Life) Carol Sussman (Finance/ Treasurer)

## BCPC Staff:

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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.*