

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Handchimes

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (see insert)

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of salvation, you have rolled away the stone and the tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat your love for humankind. The night is passed and with dawn comes new creation. Christ is risen to bring us new life. We herald with gladness your anointing of Jesus and rejoice in your promised redemption of sin. Hear our shouts of glad adoration as we enter the courtyard of your redeeming grace. Amen.

### \*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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17–25

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12

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

SERMON *Keep Looking* Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Alleluia, Christ is Risen!* STUTTGART

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Scriptural Affirmation

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, then to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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

## 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 *Crown Him With Many Crowns* (see insert)

## 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:

**Pastor:** Rev. Beth Newman

**Music Director:** Kathy Wiggins

**Guest Musician:** Katherine Whitehouse

**Elder of the Month:** Lisa Monnat

## 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. There will not be a class Sunday April 27th but it will resume May 4th.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday Bible Study is cancelled for April 23rd and April 30th.

**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.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:** Join with Presbyterians worldwide to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. There are donation envelopes in this bulletin.

### 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** - 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.

**Al-Anon Meeting**- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



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**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:

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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.*