

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2026

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us, and so we find peace and give thanks.

**People: The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.**

Leader: Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy, we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.” You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*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

Psalm 23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10: 1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*The Gate*

Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Confession of 1967

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. 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 515 *I Come with Joy*

## 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

**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 YouTube 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.

**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. The last day to place an order for a T-shirt is April 30th.

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

**POTLUCK & PRESENTATION:** Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Potluck meal followed by a presentation on Malawi by Dr. Frank VanMiddlesworth.

**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. at The Tuck & Table.

**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** - 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.*