

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 28, 2024

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we engage  
**People: and encourage one another in worship and fellowship.**  
Leader: Learn together  
**People: as we grow in discipleship and**  
Leader: Reach out  
**People: in love.**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. Above all, you have given us your Word and Spirit that we may have life sure and true. Yet, we have strayed from you. We do not fully abide in your Word and Spirit. We have grumbled and complained about our life. We have said that we deserve better and have not had grateful hearts. Forgive us and give us insight into your ways and presence with us, so that we may abide in you.

*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 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 Philippians 3: 7-14

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 15: 1-5

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

SERMON *"You Can Begin Again"* Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967

**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. The Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

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

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

\*HYMN 661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

## 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. Dr. Curtis Fussell  
**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 SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS:** Middle and High School youth are invited to a conversation about scripture beginning in the youth room at 10:00.

**NURSERY:** There will not be a Nursery this Sunday. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

**WESTERN CAROLINA COMMUNITY CHOIR:** Free presentation today "REQUIEM" by W. A. Mozart at 3:00 pm in Coulter Recital Hall.

**POTLUCK AND PRESENTATION:** Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. will be a Potluck in the Fellowship Hall with a presentation by Susan Maveety about the Guatemala Microloan Project.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The Church Picnic Potluck will be held on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan Pavilion.

**DAY RETREAT:** Saturday, August 24th will be a Day Retreat at Cheoah Point in Robbinsville. You can arrive around 10:00 a.m. or earlier. Everyone can swim, kayak, etc before and after lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products, and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish. Invite your friends to join us. Please let us know the number of people in your party so we can order food for everyone.

**ADDRESS FOR PASTOR BETH:** The address for Pastor Beth is 285 Montford Ave., Asheville, NC 28801

**THANK YOU FOR FLOWERS:** Elise Bryson would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers for Administrative Professionals Day.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

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

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. 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 Hut.

**Session Meeting** - May 26, after worship service.

**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.

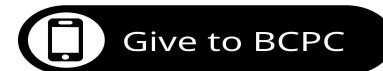
**Coffee & Fellowship** - Every first Sunday after worship service.

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

**Giving Spoon** - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**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.



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

## BCPC Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Office Administrator: Elise Bryson

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