

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2026

## EASTER SUNDAY THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Now the Green Blade Risetb*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

\*HYMN 248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Colossians 3:1-4  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10

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

SERMON *What Empty Hands Can Carry* Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Confession of 1967

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL ANTHEM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (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.*

\*POSTLUDE

*\*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

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## 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.

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

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

**CHURCH POTLUCK:** There will be a church potluck Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The question for discussion after dinner will be "When and Why did you move to Bryson City?"

**WILDFLOWER HIKES:** There are two Tuesday wildflower hikes at Deep Creek scheduled for April - April 14th at 3:30 p.m. and April 28th at 5:30 p.m. There will be 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.

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY:** There is a Flower Chart in the narthex. If you would like to bring flowers for our Sanctuary, please write the date, your name, and telephone number under the month.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

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

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome. Please join us!

**Sunday Morning Class** - There will be a class every Sunday morning in the Hut from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

**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** - The third Tuesday of every 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.

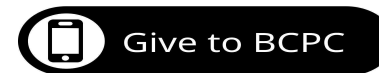
**Presbyterian Women** - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch, and have fellowship.

**Coffee & Fellowship** - Will resume in May 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.

**Wednesday Manna Market:** The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church 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. 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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## Bryson City Presbyterian Church April 5, 2026



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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.*