

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 6, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: We were like those who dream.

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

People: We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."

Leader: May those who go out weeping, bearing the seeds of sowing,

People: Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that too often we count the cost instead of recognizing the worth. We hesitate to love with abandon, holding back what you call us to pour out. We fail to see you in those who suffer, in those who show up in need, in those the world deems unworthy. We resist vulnerability, afraid of how love might undo us or lead us where we do not want to go. Forgive us for our cautious hearts and our careful faith. Teach us the way of extravagant love, that we might follow Christ not just in word, but in the way we live and give. Amen.

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

Oh, how He loves you and me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you; Oh how He loves me;

Oh, how He loves you and me.

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bad Math

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come to the Welcome Table

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Philippians

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient, even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. A-men.

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 828 *More Love to Thee*

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*

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Lisa Monnat

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The Choir will be singing selections from the Cantata *Journey to Hope* during the Lenten Season.

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 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.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Join us for coffee and fellowship after worship service today in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWER CHART: 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.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: April 9th will be a dinner featuring recipes from an old church cookbook. A copy of the cookbook is in the narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, April 13th. The purpose of the meeting will be to call a meeting of the corporation, elect officers of the corporation, elect a nominating committee, and hear a brief report on the church budget.

CHURCH YARD SALE: There will be a Yard Sale in the playground area of the Church on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:15 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 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.

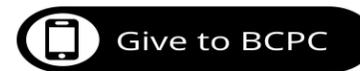
Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

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

Welcome Wednesdays - The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday 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.

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)

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Bryson City Presbyterian Church April 6, 2025



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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.