

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

August 10, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIPFrom Psalm 50

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.  
People: **The earth declares God’s beauty.**  
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting  
People: **God’s word shines forth in glory.**  
All: **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 463How Firm a Foundation

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 ALLDaily Change Offering

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGLuke 12:32-40

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

\*HYMN 817We Walk By Faith  
v1 Unison, v2 High Voices, v3 Low Voices, v4 All

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGHebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

SERMONWe Walk by FaithRev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHFrom A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

\*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 683Lord of All Hopefulness

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: Randy Bumgarner

## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are worshiping 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. This class is cancelled until August 3rd.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday Bible Study is cancelled for Wednesday, August 13th as Pastor Beth has a meeting with the Board of Pensions in Asheville.

**ASHEVILLE TOURISTS:** The next Asheville Tourists Game is August 29th. The last day to sign up is Sunday, August 10th. The cost for each ticket is \$12.50.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PICNIC:** The Presbyterian Women's Picnic will be Tuesday, August 12th at 6:00 pm at the Tobacco Branch Pavilion.

**POTLUCK AND SING-ALONG:** There will be a potluck dinner and a Sing-Along led by Kathy Wiggins in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

**SESSION MEETING:** There will be a Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 19th at 5:30 p.m.

**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.

**The flowers for Sunday, August 10th are donated by Patty Ambrosino.**

### 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** - The next Session meeting is Tuesday, August 19th 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 is distributed 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.

**"Feed My Sheep"** - Food and Worship in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday from 3:00 to 6:30 pm.



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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.*