

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

August 2, 2026

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

The LORD made the earth by His power.

People:

He established the world by His wisdom.

Leader:

The heavens were stretched out by His understanding.

People:

At His name name heaven and earth shall be brought to justice.

All:

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I confess that I have often loved being right more than I have loved listening to those around me. I have insisted on correct doctrine, using it as a weapon rather than a tool to serve and uplift my neighbors. I have too often failed to consult the way of Christ and the Fellowship of the Spirit. Soften my rigidity and help me to follow you, prioritizing people over arguments.

Continue in silent prayer

*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

Luke 11:5-8

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-32

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Full Transparency”

Rev. Tempe Fussell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From a Brief Statement of Faith

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. 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 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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

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. Tempe Fussell
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Elder of the Month: Lisa Monnat

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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.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: There will be coffee and fellowship after worship service today in the Fellowship Hall.

BREAKFAST AND HIKE: August 6th breakfast will be at Peter's Pancakes in Cherokee at 8:00 a.m. followed by a three mile hike along the Oconaluftee River Trail. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC: This year the picnic will be held at Fontana Lake Estates Picnic Shelter at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th. Beth Brannon will be emailing more information. If you have questions please give her a call at 803-261-6154.

POTLUCK DINNER: There will be a Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m. The topic for discussion will be "Tell us about your favorite hobbies or pass-times."

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BASEBALL GAME: There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the Asheville Tourists ball game Friday, August 21st. The ticket price is \$11.00 each.. If you want to attend please sign up before August 10th so we can make arrangements for tickets.

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 - The first Sunday of each month 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 Wednesdays: 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.



This is a QR Code and can be scanned by your phone's camera. If your phone does not have this capacity, you can download an app. This code is linked to the church's Paypal account.

BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Collin Caldwell (Clerk), Merle Carroll (Elder Elect), 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)

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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.