

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

August 3, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107

Leader:

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.

People:

Those gathered from east and west and north and south are redeemed of the Lord.

Leader:

Those who cried to the Lord in times of trouble God delivered from their distress.

People:

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love and wonderful works to humankind.

All:

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give into our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus’ name. 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 ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 49:1-12

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-21

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Problem with Bigger Barns

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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 716

God, Who’s Giving Knows No Ending

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

Leading in worship today:
Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse
Elder: Dan Manley

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The Confession of Sin is from Feasting on the Word, edited by Kimberly Long

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.

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

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP - Coffee and fellowship will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today.

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.

THE FLOWERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: The flowers for this Sunday were donated by Pastor Beth Newman to the glory of God in loving memory of her friend Margaret Rada.

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.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR ASHEVILLE TOURISTS GAMES - The last baseball game for this season is August 29th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost per ticket is \$12.50. The last day to sign up is August 10th.

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 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 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.



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), 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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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.