

Service for the Lord's Day

August 4, 2024

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader:

All you with grumbling stomachs, hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing: .

People:

Draw near to God.

Leader:

All you with dry throats, thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice:

People:

Draw near to God.

Leader:

All you with empty arms, searching for a warm embrace, a meaningful life, and a loving community:

People:

Draw near to God.

All:

Let us worship God!

*Hymn

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Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Prayer of the Day

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we will never hunger again, but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things. You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours. Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness teach us to hunger for things that you do: to hunger for justice, to long for equality, to work for the common good until none of your children have to hunger for bread. Amen.

Time for silent confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Leader:

The peace of Christ be with you all.

People:

And also with you.

*Gloria Response Chorus 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

Exodus 16 :2-4, 9-15

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

John 6: 24-35

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bread from Heaven

Rev. Beth Newman

Our Thankful Response

Choral Anthem

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe that bread comes from the grain that grows in the wind and the rain with the farmers’ help. I believe that bread comes from love, from the love of God, the love of the baker’s hands, the love of those who bring it to us. I believe that bread can and should be broken and shared and given to all persons until all have enough and then some. I believe that Jesus loved bread and took it and broke it and blessed it and fed his disciples and asked them to feed us forever. I believe enough in bread to want it from Jesus, to want it to nurture me, to want to give life through it. I believe that his body as bread feeds me and as part of his body I want to be bread for others. I believe the Spirit will help me as will Jesus’ people.

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.

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer after the Offering

*Hymn

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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:

Carol Sussman

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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 Live Stream.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS: Middle and High School youth are invited to a conversation about scripture beginning in the youth room at 10:00.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Fellowship after worship service.

SESSION MEETING: There will be a Session Meeting after worship service Sunday, August 11th.

BCPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The annual Presbyterian Women’s Potluck Picnic will be Tuesday, August 13th at the Tobacco Branch Pavilion at 6:00 p.m.

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BALL GAMES: You can still sign up for the last game of this year which is August 30th. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. We will be celebrating Audrey Caldwell’s birthday.

DAY RETREAT: Saturday, August 24th will be a Day Retreat at Cheoah Point in Robbinsville. You can arrive around 10:00 a.m. or earlier. Everyone can swim, kayak, etc before and after lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products, and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish. Invite your friends to join us. Please let us know the number of people in your party so we can order food for everyone.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:
Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.
Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. 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 a.m.
Session Meeting - Session Meeting every month.
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.
Giving Spoon - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 Meetings - Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.



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BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Sammi Birchfield (Discipleship & Community Outreach), Mark Brannon (Chair), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Building & Grounds), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Martha Rich (Congregational Life), Carol Sussman (Finance)

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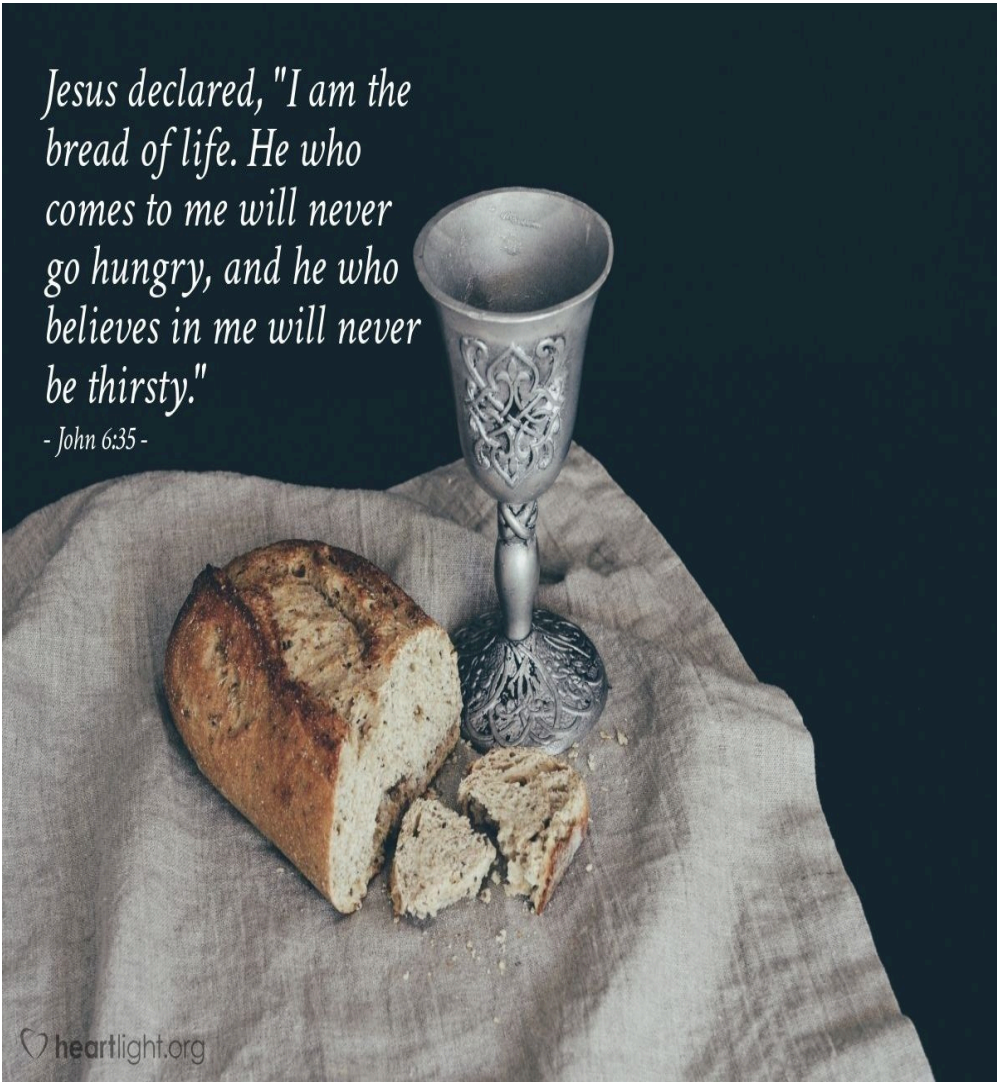
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church
We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .
Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship
Learn together as we grow in discipleship and
Reach out in love.