

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 6, 2023
THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 143

Leader: O Lord, in your faithfulness you answer us.
People: In your goodness towards us you hear our pleas for help.
Leader: Let us hear in the morning of God's steadfast love.
People: It is in the Lord that we put our trust and have our hope.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have heard your promise that the old passes away and you make all things new. But we hear that promise amid our self-doubts. We confess that we have heard your call for faith and hope; yet, we set conditions. When you call us to follow you, we ask "How?" Lord forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts. Help us to draw near to you; to trust and have hope in you. Feed us, and help us to feed others with your Word and Holy Spirit. *(A moment for silent confession)* Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI 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. (Sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14: 13-21

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

Sermon *You Feed Them* Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Sheltered in the Arms of God*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE CONFSSION OF 1967

With an urgency born of hope in God, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited earthly progress with the kingdom of God, nor does it despair in the face of disappointments and defeats. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievements to the final triumph of God. 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.

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 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* BEACH SPRING

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.*

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Leading in worship today:
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell
Interim Musician: Marna Dodson
Elder of the Month: Drew Campbell

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.

NURSERY: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

GUEST PASTOR: Dr. Curtis Fussell was ordained in 1982. He served four churches and retired from First Presbyterian in Highlands. He lives in Clyde, NC with his wife Tempe, also a retired Presbyterian Pastor. He enjoys gardening, the outdoors, and baking bread and pizza.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN POTLUCK PICNIC: The Presbyterian Women's Potluck Picnic will be Tuesday, August 8th at the Double Springs Pavilion. All women are cordially invited.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The Women's Conference will be August 11th through the 13th.

FAMILY RETREAT: The Family Retreat will be held August 25 - 27th at the William Black Lodge at Montreat.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 10:00 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.

Session Meeting - Session Meeting every fourth Sunday after worship.

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.

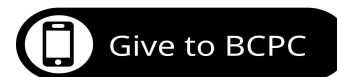
Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

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. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



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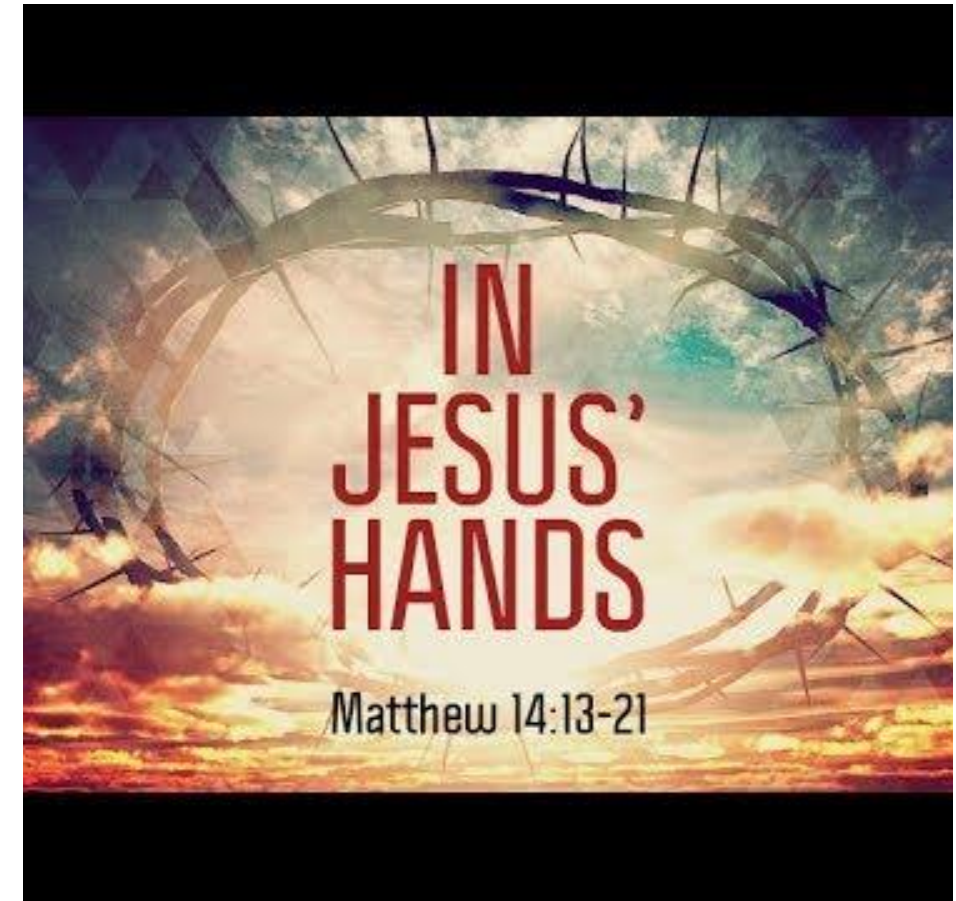
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.