

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

December 14, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

People:

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All:

Jeremiah said, “I am only a boy.”

Moses said, “Who am I to do this work?”

Mary said, “How can this be?”

We often say, “But God, I am afraid.”

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God’s invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God’s praise.

Let us worship God!

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Joan Parks & Annette Husson

*HYMN 129 *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Courageous God, you invite us to live into our call. You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust. Instead of responding with a resounding “yes,” we often hide our face. We dig our heels in. We look for someone else to volunteer. Spark courage in us. Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference. Remind us that even when we’re scared, we are not alone. You invite us forward. With baby steps we hope, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader:

People:

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*GLORIA 113 (chorus)

Glo- - -ria in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo!

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Daily Change Offering

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 4:1-10

Leader:

People:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 100 *Canticle of the Turning*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-39

Leader:

People:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Called Forward

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Scriptural Affirmation

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and then to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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.

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 128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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: Lisa Monnat

0Announcements

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 will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.
- Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome. Please join us!
- Christmas Cantata Practice:**
- 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** - Session meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the 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** - Manna distributes 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.

Advent Schedule



- **Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. - Potluck & Tree Decoration**
- **Sunday, December 21st - Christmas Cantata 11:00 a.m.**
 - **Christmas Caroling 2:00 p.m.**
 - **Blue Christmas Service at the Grove 5:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, December 24th- Moravian Love Feast 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Sunday, December 28th - Casual Lessons & Carols**
- **Sunday January 4, 2026- Epiphany & Sharing of Star Words**



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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)

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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.