

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 12, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Like the Golden Sun Ascending* Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 27

Leader: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

People: Let us walk in the way of life and pursue the path of peace.

Leader: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful.

People: As we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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 Daily Change Offering

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5: 21-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *You Have Heard It Said* Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Create In Me a Clean Heart* Mueller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, Maker and Ruler of all things, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Teacher, Example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort and strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in the grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united in the living Lord. We believe in the Reign of God as the divine rule in human society and in the community of all who love 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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* arr. Line

*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 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

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 *The Heavens Are Telling* arr. Wells

**Rise in body or spirit.*

The Call to Worship is by Robyn Michalove, *Presbyterian Outlook*

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The Affirmation of Faith is from *Banquet of Praise*, Bread for the World

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Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Minister of Music: Rachel Lackey

Elder of the Month: Sammi Birchfield

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 Sunday School 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.

SUPER BOWL PARTY: Everyone is invited to watch and join the fun for Super Bowl 2023. The game will be shown in the Fellowship Hall today, February 12th, starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack, a side dish, or a dessert and we will provide dinner and other fun activities.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to be added to the BCPC Prayer Chain please let the office know or send an email request to: bcpc@bcpcusa.org

PASTORAL UPDATE: Calvin Lloyd's health is improving and he has been moved to Care Partners for a couple of weeks. If you would like to send a card the address is: 68 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

LENT: The season of Lent is almost here. This year we will be using the theme of *Bringing the Wilderness In*. Please join Beth on Sunday, February 19th after the service to prepare liturgical art for the sanctuary. A light lunch will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY: On Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. we will begin the season of Lent with our traditional Ash Wednesday service. Please join us if you can for this simple service of ashes and communion.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study - Every Wednesday at 11:00 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 - The fourth Sunday of every month after worship service.

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.

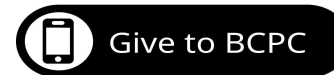
Crafting with Jackie - Every first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Manna Express - Fourth Friday of every month in the First Baptist Church parking lot from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Food Pantry - Every Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and every Friday 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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Operating Expenses	\$18,415
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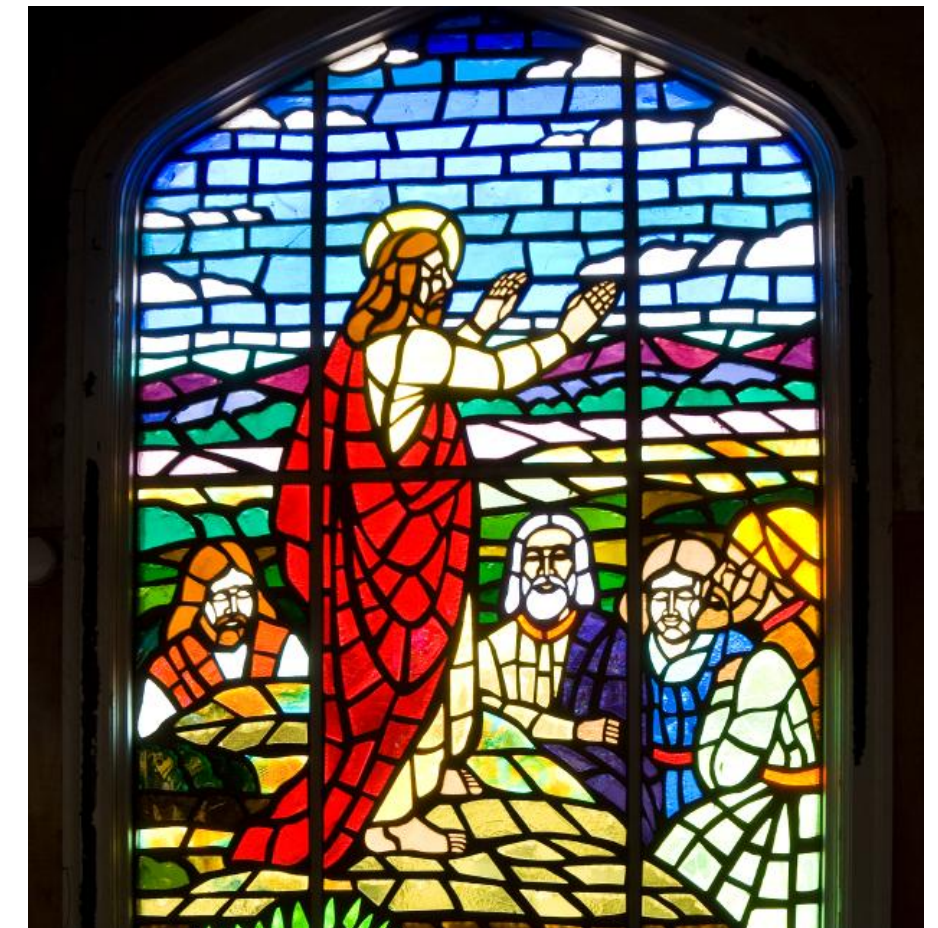
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.