

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 22, 2026

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.  
People: We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.  
Leader: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.  
People: We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!  
All: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 165 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins. Amen.

*Silent Prayer*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

\*Response Chorus

*Oh, how He loves you and me,  
Oh, how He loves you and me.  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
Oh, how He loves you; Oh how He loves me;  
Oh, how He loves you and me.*

## THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN 775 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*The Wilderness*

Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, is God's promise living among us. He experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us--even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age. 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 840 *It Is Well with My Soul*

## 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

**Elder of the Month:** Lisa Monnat

## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are worshiping 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 and Youtube 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.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** In honor of Black History Month, we will be sharing and singing African American Spirituals as part of our worship service.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:** Lenten devotional booklets are included in your bulletin today.

**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!

**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 Everett Street Diner 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. They will be moving to another building on March 1st.



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**BCPC Elders:** Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Randy Bumgarner (Building & Grounds), Collin Caldwell (Clerk), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Community Outreach), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Melanie Lambert & Diana Ranson (Congregational Life)  
Carol Sussman (Finance/ Treasurer)

### BCPC Staff:

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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.*