

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2025  
**THE GATHERING**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

From 1 Corinthians 13

Leader: Love is patient.

**People: Love is kind.**

Leader: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**People: Love does not insist on its own way.**

Leader: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**People: Love rejoices in the truth.**

Leader: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**People: Love never ends.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

**All: Let us worship God!**

## \*HYMN 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life, we admit to you and each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

## \*GLORIA 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

Luke 4:21-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*More Than A Feeling*

Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

### CHORAL ANTHEM

### \*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 a 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.**

### 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.**

### 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.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### 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!*

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### \*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

### \*HYMN 693

*Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

## 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. Beth Newman

**Music Director:** Kathy Wiggins

**Guest Musician:** Katherine Whitehouse

**Elder of the Month:** Carol Sussman

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*Prayer of Confession from "Feasting on the Word"; Affirmation of Faith from "Banquet of Praise".*

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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 MORNING CLASS:** Pastor Beth leads a class on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. called "The Practice of Joy". This class is discussion based and open to any adult or teen who would like to come. If you haven't been to church school in a while, please think about joining us.

**RESOURCE FAIR:** Wednesday, February 12th there will be a Resource Fair held in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There will be health and social service resources. You can check out the flyer on our Facebook page.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome, Please join us!

**Sunday Morning Class** - There will be a class every Sunday morning in the Hut from 9:45 to 10:30 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.

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Parlor.

**Session Meeting** - The third Tuesday of every 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.

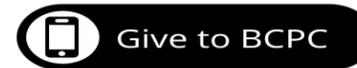
**Coffee & Fellowship** - Every first Sunday after worship service.

**Food Pantry** - Every Monday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and every Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

**Welcome Wednesdays** - The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday at the Church for anyone who wishes to pick up food.

**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 Meeting**- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



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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)

### BCPC Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

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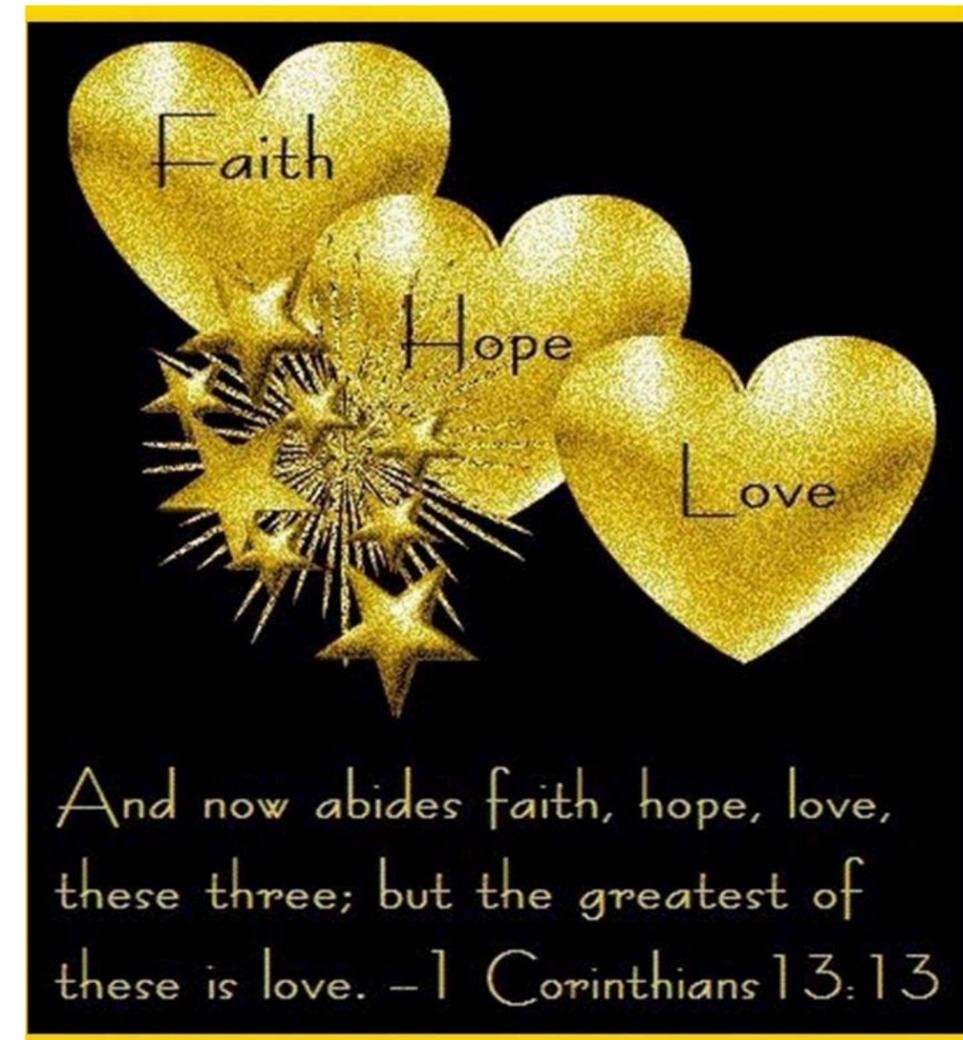
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### Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

*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.*