

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

February 8, 2026

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Happy are those who worship the Lord,
Who delight in God’s commandments.

Leader: The righteous will never be moved;

People: They will be remembered forever.

*HYMN 395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost. 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

Daily Change Offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 459 O Word of God Incarnate

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In The Midst Of The Storm

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM This Little Light of Mine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Confession of 1967

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. 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 314 Christ, Be Our Light

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 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a Memorial Service for Edna Goshorn starting at 2:00 p.m. today. Following will be an internment service for Edna and her husband John in the Memorial Garden then a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Presbyterian Women will meet at 1:00 p.m. February 10th in the Hut. All women are invited, bring your lunch and share in fellowship.

DAY-LONG PEACE VIGIL: Several churches in our community are hosting a Day-Long Peace Vigil on Wednesday, February 11th at Bryson City Methodist Church. The sanctuary will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for prayer and quiet reflection. A midday prayer service will be held at 12:00 noon, and an evening prayer service at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

CHANGE OF PLANS: Instead of a potluck on February 11th there will be a Fat Tuesday dinner on Wednesday, February 18th in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Ashe Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship service Sunday, February 15th to have a meeting of the corporation and to adjust Pastor Beth's Terms of Call.

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.
Today's flowers are donated by Frela Beck and Barbara Sherwood in memory of Edna Goshorn.

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. The next meeting is February 17th.

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.



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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.