

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2026

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the waters of baptism,  
**People: God marks us as kindred in his name.**  
Leader: In the waters of baptism,  
**People: The heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.**  
Leader: In the waters of baptism,  
**People: God names us beloved.**  
Leader: In the waters of baptism,  
**People: God claims us as God's own.**  
All: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. 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

Isaiah 42:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Our Righteous Savior*

Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. 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 765 *Today We Are Called to Be Disciples*

## 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:** Collin Caldwell

## 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 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.



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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:

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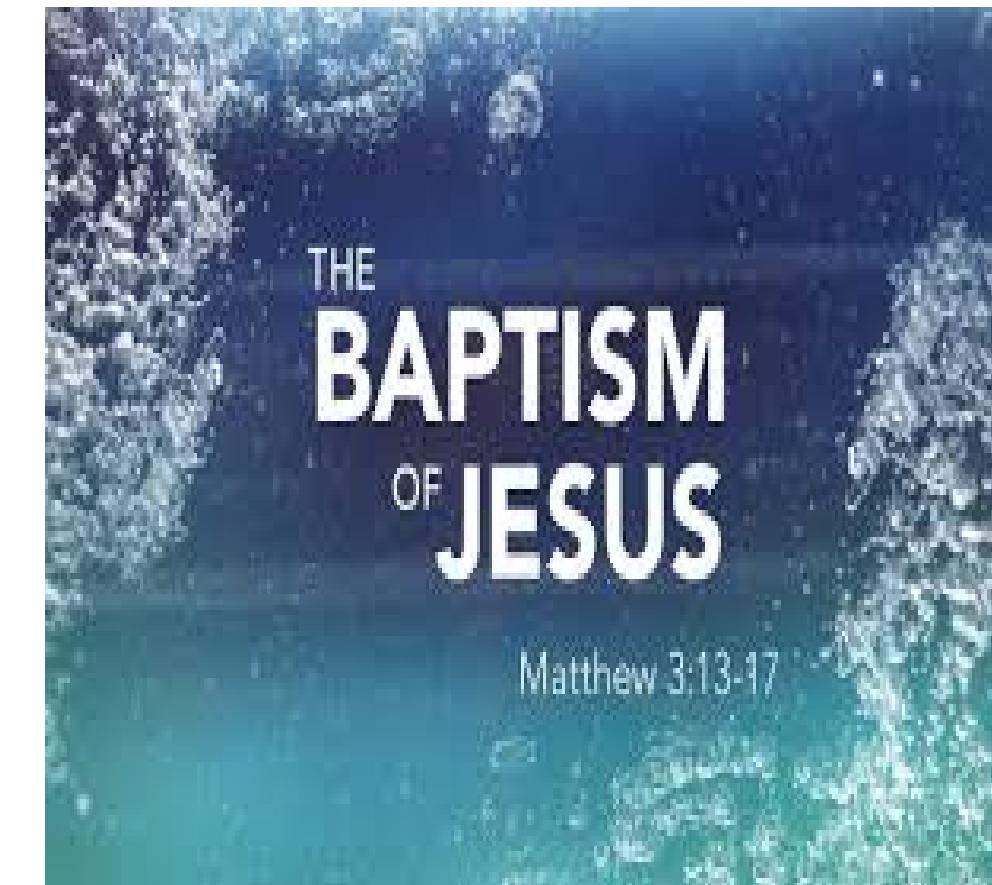
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**Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church  
We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .**

*Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship*

*Learn together as we grow in discipleship and*

*Reach out in love.*