

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

January 26, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted,
among the privileged,
People: Christ is coming to make all things new.
Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear
conscience, with burning love.
People: Christ is coming to make all things new.
Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that
the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen.
People: Christ is coming to make all things new.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 401 *Gather Us In*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because you made the world; and intended it to be a good place, and
called its people your children; because, when things seemed at their
worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so gracious God, we
say, “ Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is
stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.”

Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us, and are
willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, control,
forgive, and encourage us, as you know best.

Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of
the God who makes all things new. 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 Micah 6: 6-8

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

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5: 1-16

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

SERMON *Blessed Are You* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Iona Community

We believe in Jesus Christ, son of the one God, maker and sustainer of
earth, sea, and sky.

Born of Mary’s womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus
healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.

Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but
transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.

He blessed the disciples with his holy spirit and sent them forth, east and
west, north and south.

We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters and
to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. 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 175 *Seek Ye First*

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:
Guest Pastor: Rev. Margie Stansell
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse
Elder of the Month: Bill Helwig

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: The Sunday Morning class will meet in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

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: - Sundays from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Hut.

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 - Every third Tuesday 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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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.