

Service for the Lord’s Day

January 5, 2025

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for you light has come,

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Come, see and be radiant.

People: Come, thrill and rejoice.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Prayer of the Day

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 113 (chorus)

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The Word

Time for the Child in Us All

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Star Word Reflections

Our Thankful Response

Choral Anthem

*Affirmation of Faith

We know that God is in the world--was and is and will be. God made it all, and continues to renew and remake and resurrect. We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves. We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit. We are filled with God’s joy and pledged to discipleship and love. We trust God. We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God. We are never alone. We are free in the chosen bonds of the ways of Christ. Thanks be to God. 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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer after the Offering

*Hymn 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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.

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Bill Helwig

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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.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Starting Sunday, January 12th Pastor Beth will be leading a class on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. called “The Practice of Joy”. This class will be 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.

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 - August 18th after worship service.

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 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

AI-Anon Meeting- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



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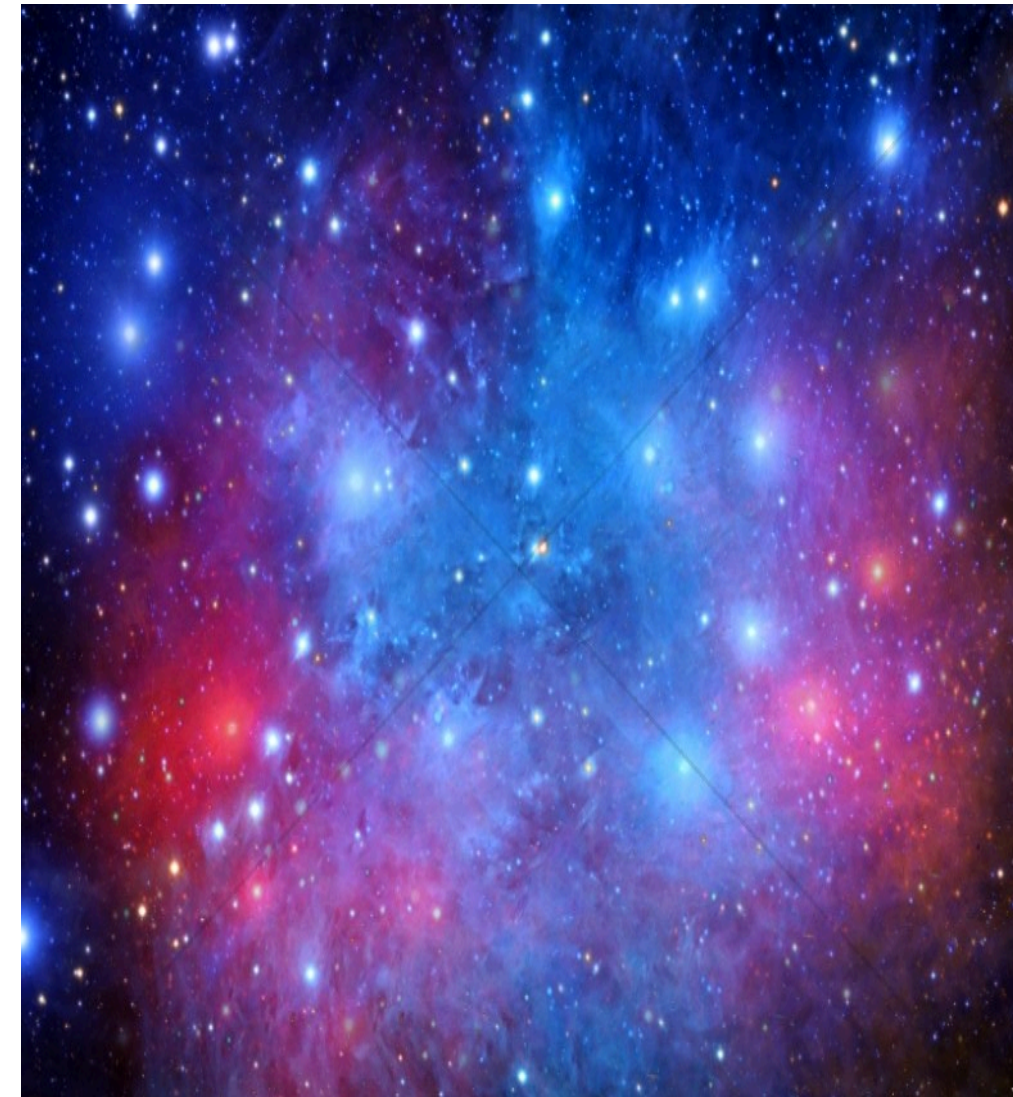
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.