

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

July 20, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship.

People:We bring the burdens of the week.

Leader:We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

People:We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

Leader:We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

People:We bring all of this to each other and to God, who we worship today.

All:Let us worship God!

*HYMN 475Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There is pain in the world, O God;

There are storms that rage all around us- inside and out. And we are numb to it. And we ignore it. And we make it worse. And we try to fix it. And we cause it - sometimes. Take away the source of the pain, we pray; The source that is evil, The source that is hatred, The source that is pride, The source that is ignorance, The source that is apathy. Forgive us our part in the pain of the world. Heal us, heal all, and make us whole. 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 READINGDeuteronomy 10: 17-19

Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.

People:Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 458Thy Word

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGHebrews 4: 14-16

Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.

People:Thanks be to God.

SERMON“The Trouble with Jesus: “Humanity”Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHfrom the 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 824There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

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
Elder of the Month: Dan Manley

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. This class is cancelled until August 3rd.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study is cancelled for the month of July.

SHARED BREAKFAST: The men and women of the church will have breakfast together Thursday, July 24th in the Fellowship Hall.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AUGUST 9th: The donations needed are shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Donations can be put in the youth room and will be distributed at 240 West Deep Creek Rd. (Old pepsi plant across from the Recreation Park)

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS: The next Asheville Tourists Game is August 29th. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. The last day to sign up is August 10th. The cost for each ticket is \$12.50.

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!

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 - Canceled for July, next meeting Tuesday, August 12th 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 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)

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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.