

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
**July 25, 2021**

Welcome

Prelude *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Hughes

\*Call to Worship From Ephesians 3

Leader: May the spirit of Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

**People: May you have the power to know the love found in Christ that surpasses knowledge.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.

**People: To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Spirit, we have been shown by your Son how to love, and yet we continue to judge each other and ourselves harshly. We have been invited into a new way of fellowship with your people, and yet we find ourselves afraid. We have been taught to experience each other as neighbors, and yet we shy away from the vulnerability of relationship. Forgive our hesitation in trusting in something more than the familiar. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, may we be transformed into persons acting out of courage, compassion, and integrity, trusting in the example made manifest through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Time for the Child in Us All

First Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 145: 10-18

Second Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 3: 14-21

Sermon

*Why Church?*

Cathy Evans

Musical Meditation

*All Are Welcome*

Haugen

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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.**

Offertory

*The Church's One Foundation*

arr. Larson

Offertory Prayer

\*Sending

\*Choral Benediction

**May the love of God go with you from this place.**

**May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

Postlude

*We Are Called*

arr. Shackley

\*Please stand if able.

Leading in Worship today: Cathy Evans, Guest Preacher; Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Mark Brannon, Elder, Collin Caldwell

# Mission Statement of The 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*

## Announcements

We need volunteers to serve as greeters and ushers during the month of August. There is a sign-up sheet as you enter the Fellowship Hall.

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Rachel will be on vacation.

There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday.

The next Manna Pop up Market will be on Wednesday, August 4 at 10:00. If you can volunteer, please contact Dan Manley at 828-347-2093.

### YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$73,108
Expenses	\$71,378
Excess/Deficit	\$ 1,730

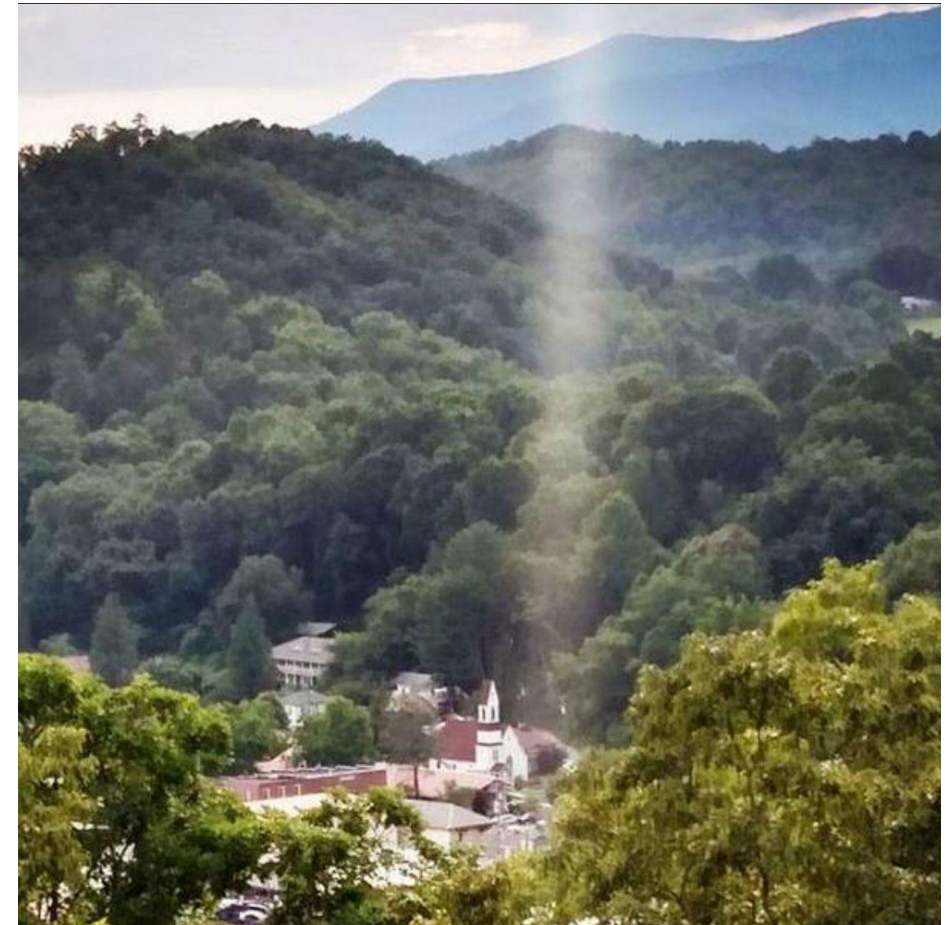
The Session has decided that masks will now be optional for worship services. Individuals who are vulnerable or not vaccinated are encouraged to continue to wear masks.

#### BCPC Elders

Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Becky Claxton, Kyle Colley,  
Cathy Evans, Dawn Letterman, Carol Sussman

#### BCPC Staff

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Beth Newman  
Minister of Music & Adm. Assistant – Rev. Rachel Lackey  
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