

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

July 26, 2026

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIPFrom Romans 8

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.
People: We know all things work together for good for those who love God.
Leader: What are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
People: You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 310I Love Thy Kingdom, LordST. THOMAS

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

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

*HYMN 463How Firm a FoundationFOUNDATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGRomans 8:26-39

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

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OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHA Scriptural Affirmation

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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 833O Love That Wilt Not Let Me GoST. MARGARET

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:
Elder: Collin Caldwell
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Elder of the Month: Patty Ambrosino

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 and YouTube 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 canceled July 29th.

OUT OF OFFICE: Pastor Beth will be out of the office from July 20th until August 3rd. Elise will be on vacation July 23rd until July 30th and the office will be closed for that week.

BREAKFAST AND HIKE: Thursday, August the 6th breakfast will be at Peter's Pancakes in Cherokee at 8:00 a.m. followed by a three mile hike along the Oconaluftee River Trail. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC: This year the picnic will be held at Fontana Lake Estates Picnic Shelter at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th. Beth Brannon will be emailing more information. If you have questions please give her a call at 803-261-6154.

POTLUCK DINNER: There will be a Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m. The topic for discussion will be "Tell us about your favorite hobbies or pass-times."

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BASEBALL GAME: There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the Asheville Tourists ball game Friday, August 21st. The ticket price is \$11.00 each.. If you want to attend please sign up before August 10th so we can make arrangements for tickets.

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.

The flowers for today are donated by Karen Rumpf

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 - 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 Everett Street Diner 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. at The Tuck & Table.

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.

Manna Market 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. and the last Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.



This is a QR Code and can be scanned by your phone's camera. If your phone does not have this capacity, you can download an app. This code is linked to the church's Paypal account.

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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.