

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 30, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to hear the stories of our generous and compassionate God.

People: We come to share the stories of God's love and mercy in our own lives.

Leader: Teach us to embody your grace and be a witness to your love in the world, O God.

People: May we, like God, be generous and merciful with our lives and show compassion as we serve others.

All: Let us worship the God of grace this day!

*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, you have indeed been our help, our hope, our shelter, our guard, our eternal home.

You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your promises.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, and by our mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways.

Teach us wisdom, that we may walk with you all our days, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI 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. (Sing 3 times)
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

Psalm 90

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Promise Keeper* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *What a Friend we have in Jesus*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, who alone we worship and serve.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah close a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

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 Boyd Stansell
Interim Musician: Marna Dodson
Elder of the Month: Martha Rich

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 SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS: Middle and High School youth are invited to a conversation about scripture beginning in the youth room at 10:00.

NURSERY: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

GUEST PASTOR: Margie Stansell, who has led our service before, will be the Guest Pastor for today. She is a retired PCUSA minister who lives in Black Mountain with her husband, Skip. She spends a lot of time volunteering at Black Mountain Presbyterian as well as the Asheville Habitat Restore and local food distribution programs. She enjoys hiking, biking, gardening, travel and spending time with grandchildren and family.

GAME NIGHT: Friday, August 4th at 6:00 will be Game Night in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a Bingo Night.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC: BCPC Presbyterian Women will have their annual potluck picnic on Tuesday, August 8th. The picnic will be at 5:00 pm at the Double Springs Pavilion. Call Ann Lloyd or Barbara Sherwood for the gate code and directions.

BIBLICAL POTLUCK: Plans are starting for a Biblical Potluck. If you have ideas and/or recipes please contact Martha Rich. More information will be forthcoming.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Game Night: Every first Friday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Meeting - The fourth Sunday of every month 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.

Giving Spoon - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



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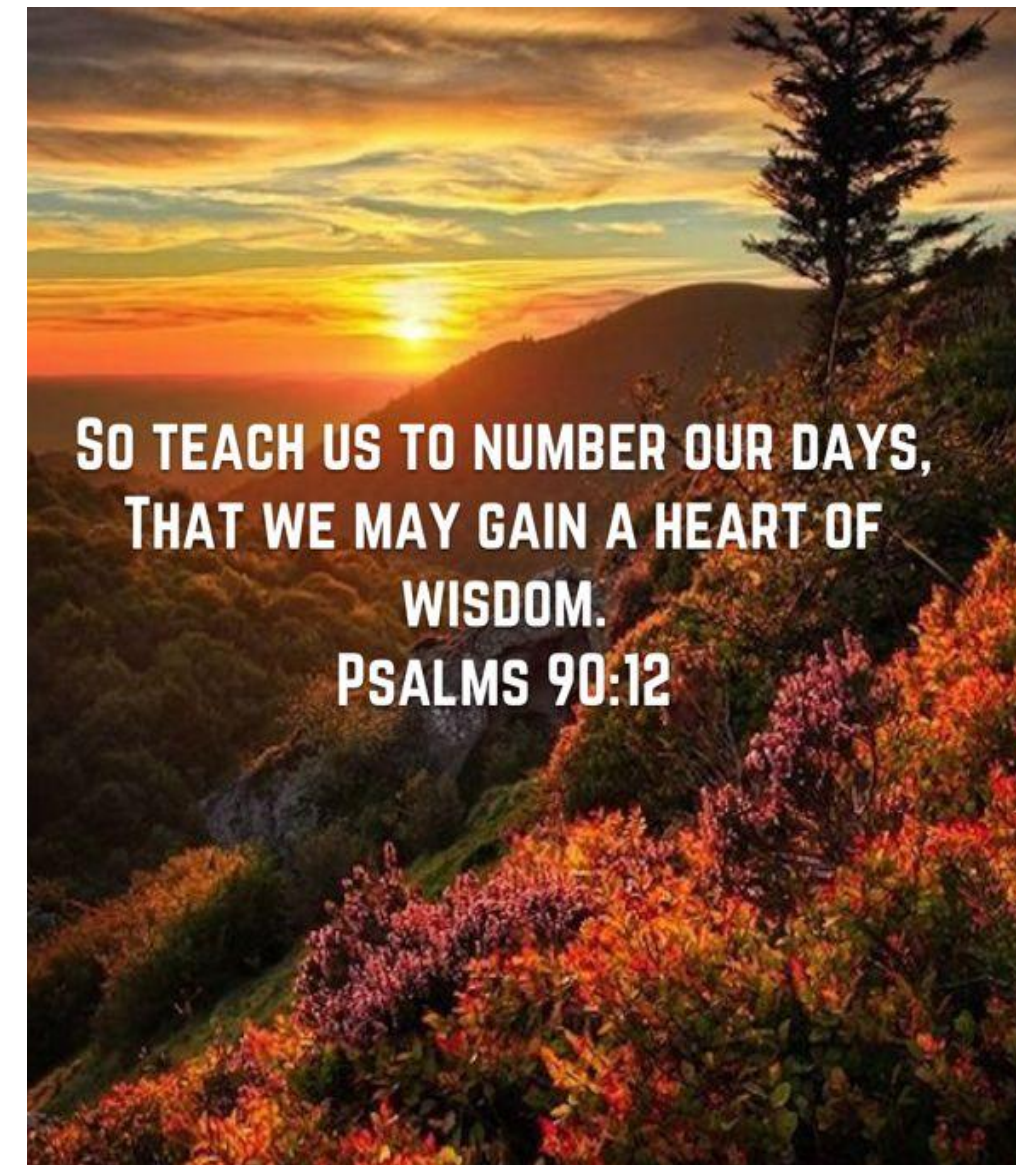
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SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS,
THAT WE MAY GAIN A HEART OF
WISDOM.
PSALMS 90:12

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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.