

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

June 16, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:Give thanks to the Lord!

People:Sing praise to God’s name!

Leader:For God is steadfast and faithful;  
The Lord is always righteous.

People:God is our rock; sing praise to the Lord!

All:Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 36For the Fruit of All Creation

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by other things, we overlook the seeds of your realm that you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes. Help us to grow in faithfulness we pray. So that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ’s name 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 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 READINGEzekiel 17:22-24

Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.

People:Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGMark 4: 26-34

Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.

People:Thanks be to God.

SERMONIt’s a MysteryRev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEMJesus Christ, the Apple Tree

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the one God, Maker and Ruler of all things, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Teacher, Example, and Redeemer, Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united in the living Lord. We believe in the Reign of God as the divine rule in human society and in the community of all who love God. 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

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 250In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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:  
Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman  
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins  
Elder of the Month: Mark Brannon

## 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:** There will not be a Nursery this Sunday. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

**ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BALL GAMES:** Sign up sheets for games are in the narthex. You can sign up for one or both of the games you would like to attend. The dates are all on Fridays and they are:

July 12, and August 30

If you ordered tickets for June 21st you can pay and pick up your tickets in the church office.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The Church Picnic Potluck will be held on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan Pavilion.

**DAY RETREAT:** Saturday, August 24th will be a Day Retreat at Cheoah Point in Robbinsville. You can arrive around 10:00 a.m. or earlier. Everyone can swim, kayak, etc before and after lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products, and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish. Invite your friends to join us. Please let us know the number of people in your party so we can order food for everyone.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

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

**Session Meeting** - June ?, 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, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

**Al-Anon Meeting**- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



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**BCPC Elders:** Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Sammi Birchfield (Discipleship & Community Outreach), Mark Brannon (Clerk), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Building & Grounds), 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.*