

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

DAY OF PENTECOST

June 8, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

People: **For God has done wondrous things for us.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

People: **For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

People: **Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 279 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We look for tongues of fire to dance upon us, God of Pentecost, but hold only the ashes of our broken promises. We long to speak simply and clearly so that everyone, everywhere, might understand your love for them, but we scatter our words to the wind with our inability to care for others. We want you to show us the secrets of the kingdom, never noticing they are revealed in the songs of children, the memories of older folks, the dreams of the young all around us. Have mercy on us, and pour out your Spirit, God of amazing days. When we pull the shutters of our souls shut, fling them open with the breath of wonder. When we turn out all the lights and huddle in the shadows of fear, illumine our hearts with the dancing flames of the Spirit's joy. When we find it impossible to come up with the language of love, pour your Word, Jesus Christ, into our emptiness so we may fill others. In the name of Jesus Christ 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

Daily Change Offering

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“We’ve Got the Spirit!”

Rev. Dr. Byron Wade

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From a Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to 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 286 Breathe On Me, Breath of God

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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The Call to Worship is from Ministry Matters, United Methodist Church

The Prayer of Confession is from Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom Shuman

Leading in worship today:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Byron Wade

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Martha Rich

## 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 Live Stream.

**GUEST PASTOR:** This morning we welcome The Rev. Dr. Byron Wade to our pulpit. He is the General Presbytery of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and previously served as pastor of the Davie Street Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC for 24 years.

**PENTECOST OFFERING:** Pentecost offering envelopes are in this bulletin to create opportunities for young people to grow, thrive, and take part in building up the body of Christ. 40% stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

**NEW STAIRLIFT:** A new stairlift has been installed at the steps between the Education Building and the Sanctuary.

**T-SHIRTS FOR CHEOAH POINT DAYS:** If you would like to order a t-shirt there is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please put your name and size. The cost will be \$15.00 for Small to Xlarge, 17.00 for XXL amd 19.00 for XXXL. You can put the money in an envelope in the offering plate or bring it by the office. The beach days this year are June 21st and August 23rd.

**ASHEVILLE TOURISTS:** The next Asheville Tourists Games are July 25th and August 29th. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. The cost for each ticket is \$12.50. If you signed up for the June 27th game you can pick up your tickets in the Church Office.

**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 were donated by Angie Helwig.

### 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** - Every third Tuesday 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.

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



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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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## Bryson City Presbyterian Church June 8, 2025



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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.*