

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2026

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come this morning to worship together; hungry for the truth, thirsty for love.  
**People: We are different people, with different lives and different histories.**  
Leader: We come this morning, children of the same Creator; fashioned lovingly by the Source of all life.  
**People: We are different people, with different lives and different histories.**  
Leader: We come this morning to join our hearts and voices. Though we are all different people, with different lives, and different histories;  
**People: We are united in faith, love and purpose.**  
**All: Let us worship the God who unites us!**

\*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In your presence, O God, we mourn the divisions that mark our lives and the life of the world. We confess our grief over the ways the world has changed, over the fear that casts a shroud over us, the anger and intolerance that divide us and separate neighbor from neighbor. In Christ you have come to reconcile all humanity, to dismantle divisions of race, class and creed and to usher in the Realm of God on earth. Forgive us when we fail to believe in this possibility, and renew our commitment to resume the ministry given to us by Jesus.**

*Silent Prayer*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**

\*Response Chorus

*Oh, how He loves you and me,  
Oh, how He loves you and me.  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
Oh, how He loves you; Oh how He loves me;  
Oh, how He loves you and me.*

## THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2: 1-5

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

\*HYMN 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 11: 38-44

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

SERMON *It all Depends* Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from The Confession of 1967

**We believe in God, who is love and and who has given the earth to all people; in Jesus Christ, who came to heal and to free us from oppression And in the Spirit, who works in and through all those who are turned toward the truth. We believe in the community of faith, which is called to serve all people, and in God's promise to overcome the power of darkness in us all. We believe that suffering need not be in vain, that death is not the end, and that the disfigurement of the world is not what God intended. Therefore, we dare to believe, always, in spite of everything, in God's power to transform and renew, to fulfill the promise of new heaven and a new earth, where hate shall be turned into hope, where pain shall be turned into promise, and where justice and peace shall flourish. 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 817 *We Walk by Faith*

## 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. Dr. Steve Runholt  
**Music Director:** Kathy Wiggins  
**Elder of the Month:** Bill Helwig

## 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.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday, March 18th Bible Study is cancelled.

**EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY:** Order forms, included in this bulletin, for flowers in memory or honor of someone must be turned in by March 30th.

**EASTER POTLUCK BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT:** Easter Breakfast will be a potluck at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

**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.

### 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** - Men's Breakfast will meet at 8:00 a.m. at The Tuck and Table.

**Daily Change Offering** - Every second Sunday of each month.

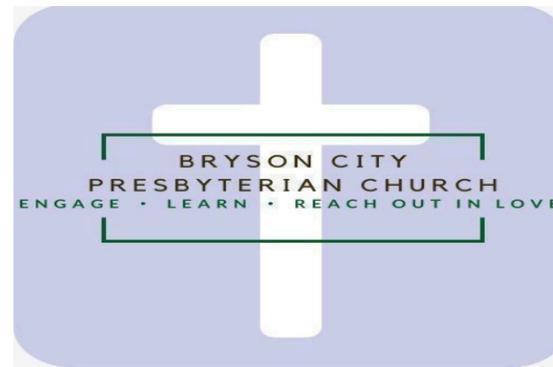
**Presbyterian Women** - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch, and have fellowship.

**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.

**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 at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Also, in the Fellowship Hall, the last Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.



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**BCPC Elders:** Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Randy Bumgarner (Building & Grounds), Collin Caldwell (Clerk), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Community Outreach), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Melanie Lambert & Diana Ranson (Congregational Life)  
Carol Sussman (Finance/ Treasurer)

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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.*