

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Fling wide the gates, that all may enter in and give God thanks.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Blessed are all who come in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 love you; Oh how He loves me;
Oh how He loves you and me.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Open the Gates of the Temple

Ann Yaun

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27: 1-2; 11-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Government

Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Larson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERN

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 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Margie Boyd Stansell

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder : Dan Manley

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.

EASTER LILIES: Today March 24th is the last day to order Easter Lilies. You can purchase an Easter Lily in memory or in honor of someone. They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: Join with Presbyterians worldwide to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. There are donation envelopes in this bulletin.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT: Easter Breakfast will be Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Service at 11:00 a.m.

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.

ADDRESS FOR PASTOR BETH: The address for Pastor Beth is 3904 Ashford Trail NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319-1897 or % Ann Council, 3956 Granger Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341. She will give health updates on the Caring Bridge site.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 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.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Hut.

Session Meeting - The next Session Meeting will be March 10th 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.



Maundy Thursday Service

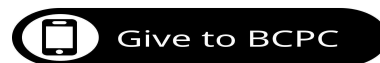
March 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Community Potluck & Worship

12:00 noon Monday the 25th and Friday the 29th at the First Baptist Church - paper goods and drinks provided

Easter Sunday at BCPC

Sunday the 31st breakfast at 9:00 followed by Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m.



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.

BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Sammi Birchfield (Discipleship & Community Outreach), Mark Brannon (Chair), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Building & Grounds), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Martha Rich (Congregational Life), Carol Sussman (Finance)

BCPC Staff:

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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.