

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday
THE GATHERING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

People: **We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.**

Leader: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

People: **Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Ride On, King Jesus*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow. 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 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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mathew 21:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Who Leads the Way?

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world— which some seek to control, but which others view with despair— we declare with joy and trust: our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until His Kingdom fully comes, God keeps the covenant forever. Our world belongs to God!

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living, for our world belongs to God!

As committed disciples, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world, for our world belongs to God!

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears for our world belongs to God!

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 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

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: 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.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Pastor Beth leads a class on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. This class is discussion-based and open to any adult or teen who would like to come.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY: This is the last Sunday to order flowers in memory or honor of someone. Order forms are included in the bulletin.

FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE CROSS: Remember to bring flowers Easter morning to decorate the cross in front of the church.

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 - Every Thursday 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.



Monday March 30th - Community Potluck Lunch 12:00 noon at The United Methodist Church followed by a short reflection to prepare for Holy Week.

Thursday April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m.

Friday April 3rd - "Journey with Jesus through the Stations of the Cross" at The United Methodist Church Friday, from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.
Potluck lunch at 12:00.

Easter Sunday April 5th - Sunday Potluck Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.



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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.