

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 99

Leader:

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

People:

For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

Leader:

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

People:

For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

Leader:

So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

People:

We will worship you at your holy mountain; for you our God are holy!

All:

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we’ve fallen short. You know the work we’ve left undone, the mercy we’ve left ungiven, the love we’ve left unshared, the peace we’ve left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we’ve chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. 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 READING

Exodus 34: 29-35

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9: 28-36

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Climb

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, 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 children of God everywhere 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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Leader:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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!

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*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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.

*POSTLUDE

*Rise in body or spirit

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Patty Ambrosino

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. called “The Practice of Joy”. This class is discussion based and open to any adult or teen who would like to come. If you haven’t been to church school in a while, please think about joining us.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5th.

FLOWER CHART: There is a Flower Chart in the narthex. If you would like to bring flowers for our Sanctuary please write the date, your name and telephone number under the month.

“FINISHING STRONG”: Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt will hold a class here April 5th from 10am until 2pm on how to prepare for life’s final stages. More information will be forthcoming.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: April 9th will be a dinner featuring recipes from an old church cookbook. A copy of the cookbook is in the narthex. Please put your name beside the recipe you would like to fix. Only one name beside each recipe.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.
- Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome, Please join us!
- Sunday Morning Class** - There will be a class every Sunday morning in the Hut from 9:45 to 10:30 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 Parlor.
- Session Meeting** - The third Tuesday of every month 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** - The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday at the Church 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.
- Al-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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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.

