

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Resurrection begins with the cry of grief,
Then moves to the confusion of an empty tomb.

People: **Could it be that Christ is alive?**

Leader: Yes, Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope, reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen 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.**

*RESPONSE 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to God,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Matthew 28: 1-10

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1: 1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"What Difference Does It Make?"* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Easter Anthem*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast; that Christ died for our sins according to scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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 *Crown Him With Many Crowns* (see insert)
Choir and Congregation

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 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 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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed Monday, April 1st for the Easter holiday.

NEW WEBPAGE: The revised website is complete and should be easier to navigate. The link is: <https://www.bcpcusa.org/>

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: April 21st 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.



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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:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

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Office Administrator: Elise Bryson

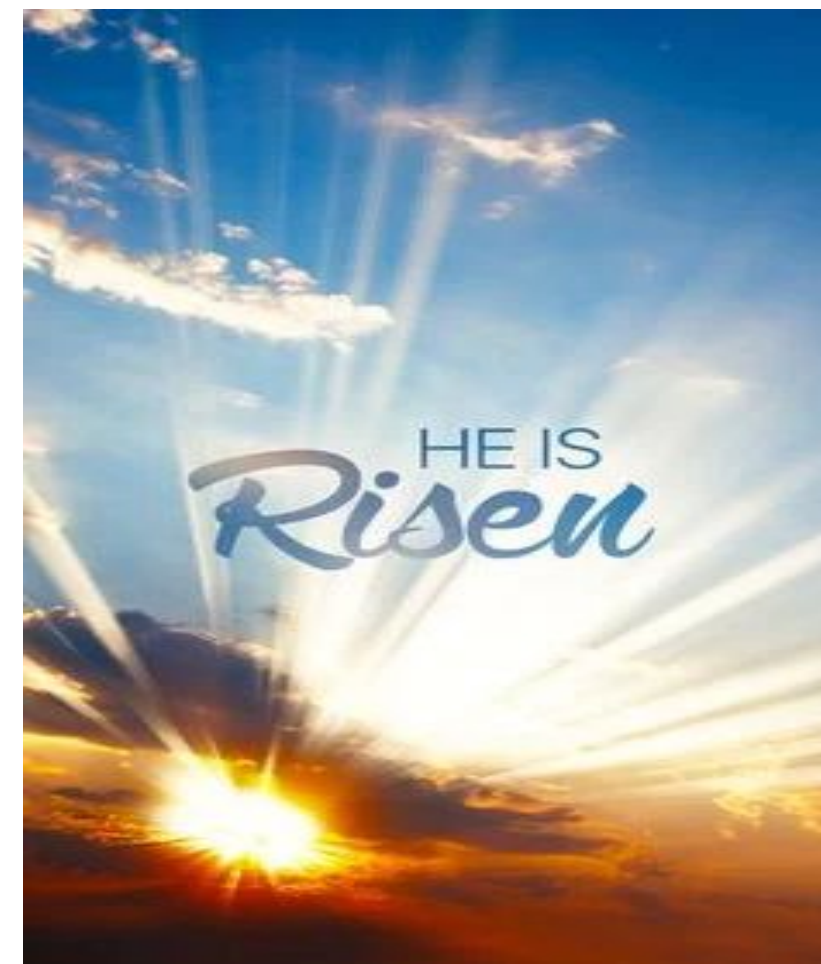
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.