

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2026

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!**

Leader: We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

**People: We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us. 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

Daily Change Offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 161 *Woman in the Night*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:4-42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Living Water*

Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. 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 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

## 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.

**SESSION MEETING:** There will be a Session Meeting Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30 p.m.

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

**CHURCH POTLUCK AND PRESENTATION:** There will be a church potluck Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Ken Knoespel will be doing a presentation, "A Conversation about Science and Religion" with questions and discussion following.

**CHURCH T-SHIRTS:** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in a Church T-Shirt.

**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** - The next Session Meeting is Tuesday, March the 10th 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. 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** - 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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## Bryson City Presbyterian Church March 8, 2026



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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.*