

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

March 9, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 4:1, Romans 10: 8b

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
People: The journey begins in the wilderness.
Leader: We follow in the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
People: Like Jesus we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s Word is on our lips.
Leader: Our call is to trust God alone, to do God’s will in all things.
People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our refuge and our fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ’s name 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 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 10: 8b-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4: 1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Wilderness Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM Jesus Walked to Calvary from: Journey to Hope

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 607
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. A-men.

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 817 We Walk by Faith

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
Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse
Elder of the Month: Patty Ambrosino

The Choir will be singing selections from the Cantata Journey to Hope during the Lenten Season.

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 is leading 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. During the session of Lent we are studying spiritual disciplines.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: Booklets are available in the narthex.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible Study for March 12th and March 19th has been cancelled, to resume March 26th.

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 please 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.

“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. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

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 9:15 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 - Every third Tuesday 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 - Manna distributes every other Wednesday at the Church Food Pantry 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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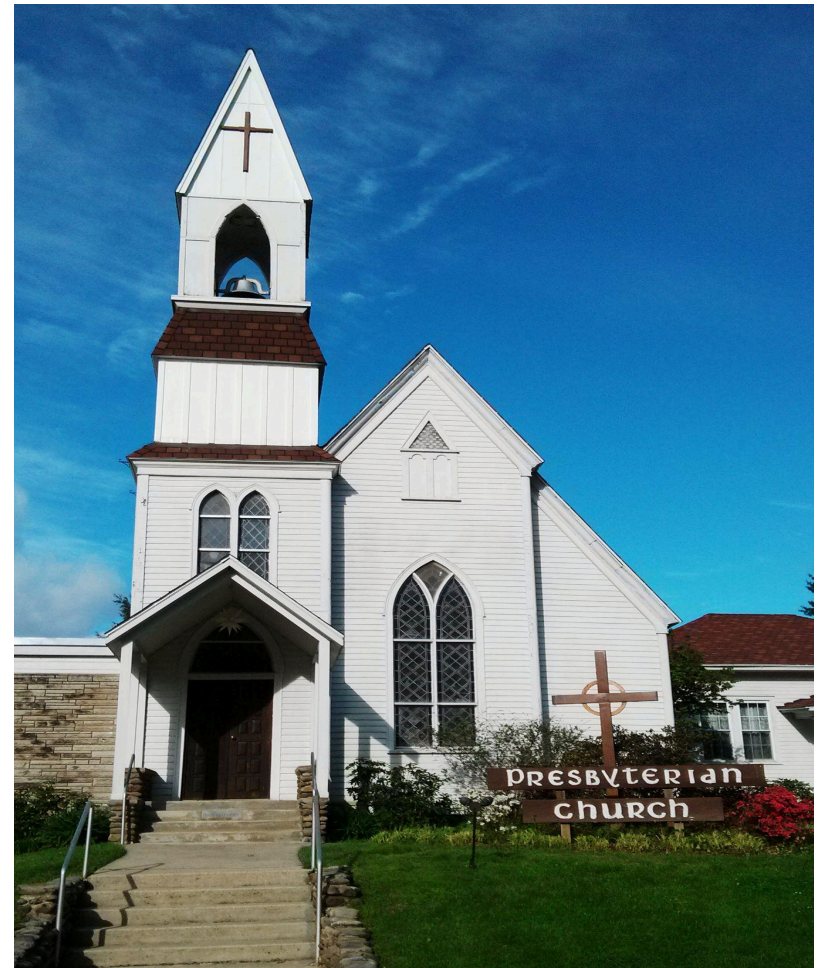
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.