

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 10, 2026

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of praise be heard!
God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

People: **We went through fire and through water, yet God has brought us out to a spacious place.**

Leader: Come and hear what God has done for us, all who fear God.

People: **Surely God has listened to us and heard our prayers!
Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace. 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)

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THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Daily Change Offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 66:8-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17: 22-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Closer Than You Think*

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Scriptural Affirmation from Romans

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good and with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor deputy, 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 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 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

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: Melanie Lambert

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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

CHURCH POTLUCK & PRESENTATION: There will be a church potluck Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Frank Vanmiddlesworth will give a presentation on Malawi.

DAY RETREAT: The Beach Day at Cheoah Point in Robbinsville will be Saturday, June 20th.

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 & 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.

Manna Market 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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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.