

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 12, 2024

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We seek to follow Jesus Christ.

**People:** **And so we engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship.**

Leader: Learn together as we grow in discipleship.

**People:** **Reaching out with God's love.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our gracious Lord, we thank you for your guiding love and Word. Yet, we have lost our way. We have traveled in the wilderness of ignorance. We complain that you have left us alone. Forgive us for not trusting in your near presence in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. Forgive us for not taking up our cross to follow you. Forgive us for not wanting to do the hard work of following in your footsteps. Fill us now with hope and trust. Help us to remember you and all your gracious ways. Show us once more the path to take. 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 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

Daily Change Offering

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1: 1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 17: 11-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Leaving*

Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage 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, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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

*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 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

## 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:

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell

**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 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.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**PENTECOST OFFERING:** Flyers and offering envelopes are in this bulletin. This offering creates opportunities for young people to grow, thrive, and take part in building up the body of Christ. 40% stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

**ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BALL GAMES:** Sign up sheets for games are in the narthex. You can sign up for any or - all of the games you would like to attend. The dates are all on Fridays and they are:  
May 31, June 21, July 12, and August 30.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The Church Picnic Potluck will be held on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan Pavilion.

**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 285 Montford Ave., Asheville, NC 28801

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. 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 Hut.

**Session Meeting** - May 26, 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.

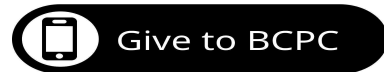
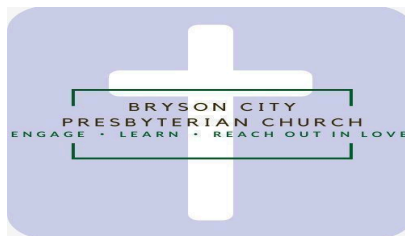
**Coffee & Fellowship** - Every first Sunday after worship service.

**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, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

**AI-Anon Meeting**- Tuesday at 5:30 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

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

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# Bryson City Presbyterian Church May 12, 2024



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## Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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*Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship*

*Learn together as we grow in discipleship and*

*Reach out in love.*