

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 25, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Open our hearts, O Lord.
People: And we will listen to your word.
Leader: Come into this house
People: And teach us to follow you in faith.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 688 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessings and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus 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.

*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)
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Hymn 623 I’ve Got Peace Like A River

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 67

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 14:23-29

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

SERMON Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who is like a good mother or father, near to us, and strong to help us. We believe in Jesus Christ, in whom we see God: He is for us the way of truth and life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose life is in us, giving us new life and healing strength for our spirits. We believe our faith is a confident thrust in the truth and goodness of God. We believe our hope is a power, to fill the present and future with deepest meaning. We believe our love is the means by which this faith will be made real in our lives. Glory be to God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. 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 824 There is a Place of Quiet Rest

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: 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.

T-SHIRTS FOR CHEOAH POINT DAYS: If you would like to order a t-shirt there is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please put your name and size. The cost will be around \$15.00. You can put the money in an envelope in the offering plate or bring it by the office. The beach days this year are June 21st and August 23rd.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church office will be closed from May 22nd until May 28th. Elise will be on vacation.

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS: The Asheville Tourists Games are June 27th, July 25th, and August 29th. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

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 - 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.

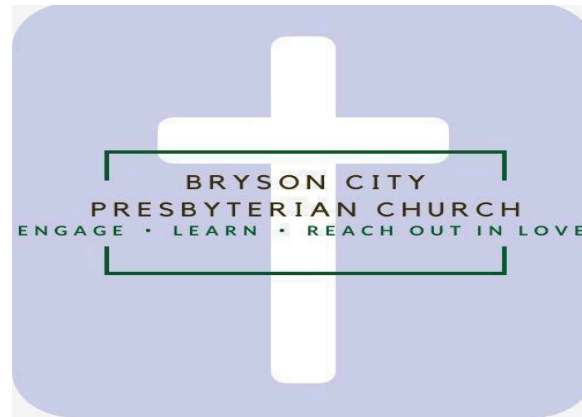
Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

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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BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Sammi Birchfield (Discipleship & Community Outreach), Randy Bumgarner (Building & Grounds), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Clerk), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Martha Rich (Congregational Life), Carol Sussman (Finance)

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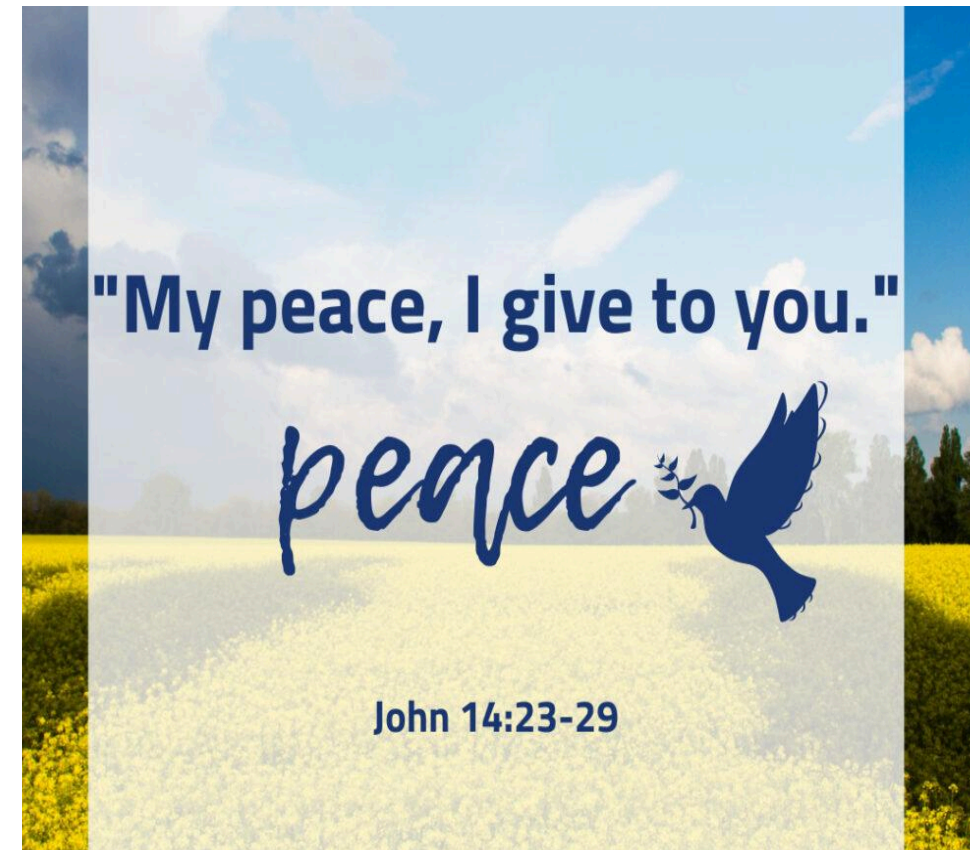
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.