

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2026

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

People: Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

People: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Amen.

Silent prayer

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

You Already Know the Way

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 536

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

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.

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Elder of the Month: Melanie Lambert

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The Prayer of Confession is from Call to Worship, PAM

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 and YouTube 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.

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 do a presentation on Malawi.

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

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY: There is a Flower Chart in the narthex. If you would like to bring flowers for our Sanctuary, please write the date, your name, and telephone number under the month.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome. Please join us!

Sunday Morning Class - There will be a class every Sunday morning in the Hut from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

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 third Tuesday of every 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.

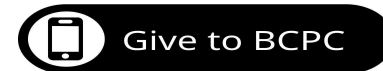
Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch, and have fellowship.

Coffee & Fellowship - Will resume in May 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: The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church 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. 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), 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)

BCPC Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

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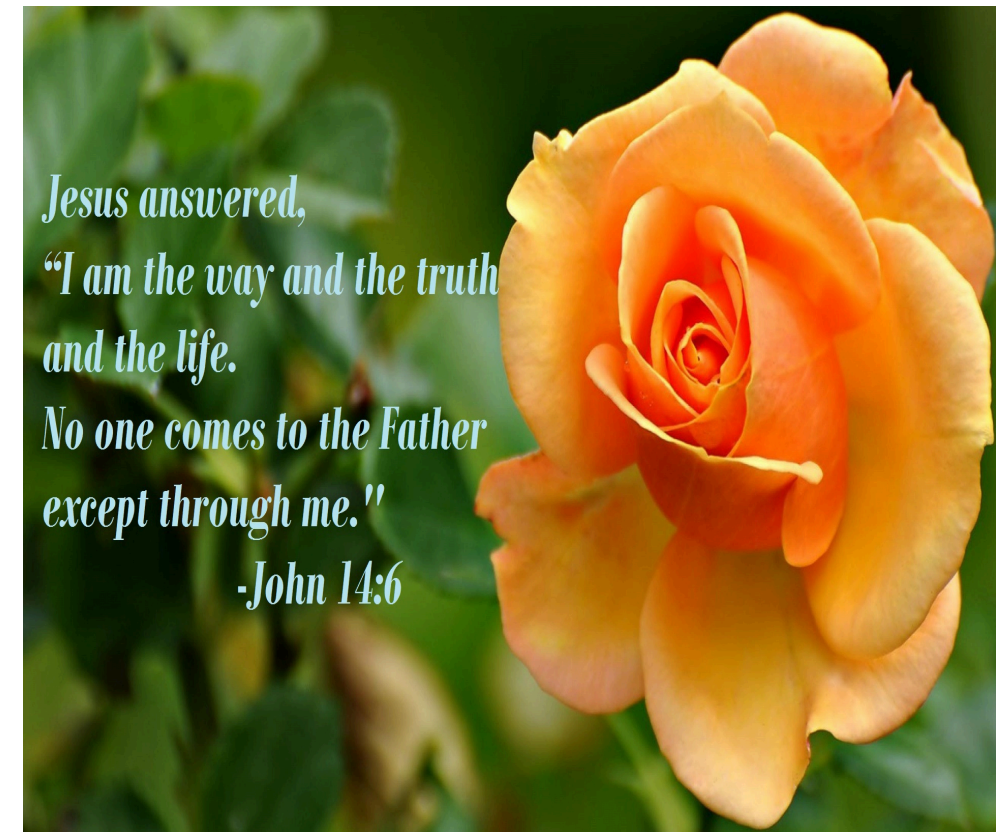
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.