

Service for the Lord's Day

May 4, 2025

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

People: God has turned mourning into dancing; we are filled with gladness and will thank God forever.

All: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love—love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 5:11-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On The Way

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Great Day! The Lord is Risen!

From the Cantata “Journey to Hope”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the 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!

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\*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

\*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Bill Helwig

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## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are worshiping 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.

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP** - Coffee and fellowship will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today.

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY:** The Flowers this Sunday were donated by Mark and Beth Brannon in honor of their father Lewie Brannon's 101st birthday, and the graduation of their two grandsons - Drew Derringer from the University of Tennessee and Campbell Miles from Georgia State University. 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 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** - The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday 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.

**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)

### BCPC Staff:

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## Bryson City Presbyterian Church May 4, 2025



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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.*