

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 5, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on our Mission Statement

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, and

People: **Reach out in love.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you alone are our Creator and Judge. Therefore when we have erred against others in thought, word, or deed we have sinned against you. You are the one who sees us as we are and you know our potential. May we experience your confidence in us and grow in assurance through Your guidance.

Time for silent confession

*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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118: 1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4: 17-5:5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"Love, the Means to the End"*

Rev. Tempe Fussell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Declaration of Faith

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ, we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us, to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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.**

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

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 693 *Though I May Speak*

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. Tempe Fussell

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katie Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Patty Ambrosino

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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.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today for coffee and fellowship.

POTLUCK & PRESENTATION: Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. will be a Potluck in the Fellowship Hall with a presentation by Susan Maveety about the Guatemala Microloan Project.

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.

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 a.m.

Session Meeting - Session Meeting every month.

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.

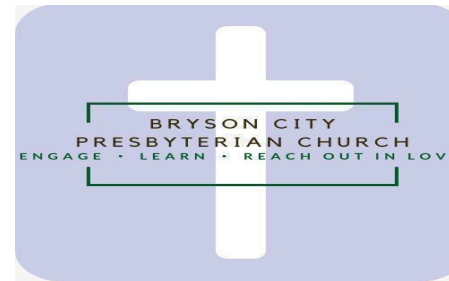
Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

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 Meetings - Second Tuesday of the month 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

Guest Pastor: Rev. Tempe Fussell

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Office Administrator: Elise Bryson

Custodian: Melinda Morefield

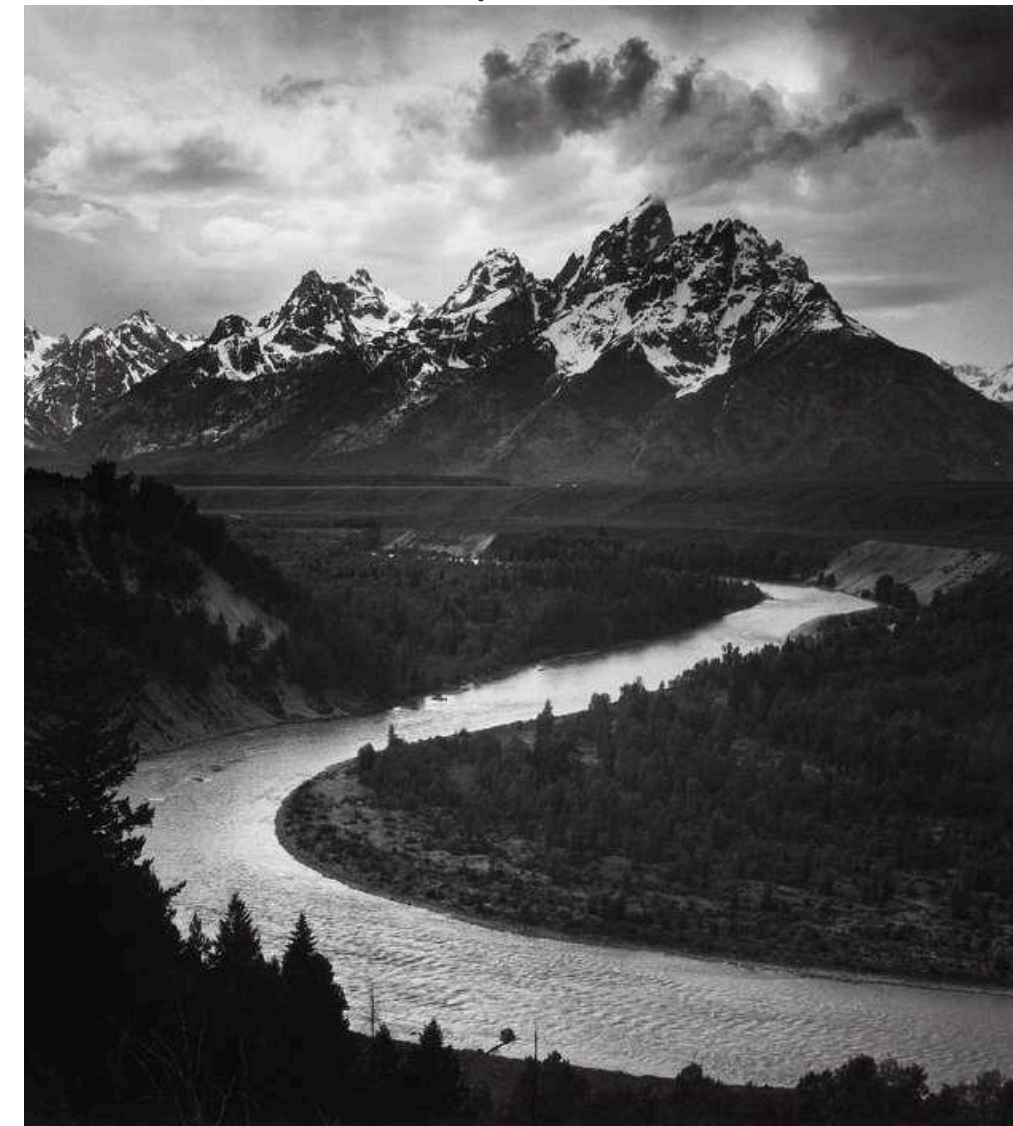
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