

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

November 16, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIPFrom Psalm 98

Leader: Come, sing a new song to the Lord,
People: **For he has done wonderful deeds!**
Leader: He has won a mighty victory by his power and holiness.
People: **The whole earth has seen the salvation of our God!**
All: **Let us worship God!**

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of suffering and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 READINGPsalm 98

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

*HYMN 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGIsaiah 65: 17-25

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

SERMON*Taking the Long View*Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHFrom A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.
People: **You have entrusted us with gifts - time, talent, energy, money - and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

Leader: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

People: **We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

Leader: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

People: **Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. 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 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

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: Martha Rich

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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting after the worship service today to elect new Elders. The names submitted are Collin Caldwell, Diana Ranson, and Melanie Lambert.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK THANKSGIVING DINNER: There will be a potluck Thanksgiving meal at The First Baptist Church Sunday, November 23rd at 4:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS: Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner at The First Baptist Church Wednesday, November 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING: Christmas wreath making December 3rd at 4:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet 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. **The flowers for today are donated by LaCetta Carroll.**

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.
Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome. Please join us!
Christmas Cantata Practice: Sunday, 9:15 am
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 next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 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 at 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.

“Feed My Sheep” - Food and Worship in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday from 3:00 to 6:30 pm.



This is a QR Code and can be scanned by your phone’s camera. If your phone does not have this capacity, you can download an app. This code is linked to the church’s Paypal account.

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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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.