

November 23, 2025
THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Leader: Our Lord Jesus spoke to the storm, saying “Peace, be still.”

People: **As we gather in worship, Jesus speaks to our hearts and spirits now, saying “Peace, be still.”**

Leader: As we rest in your presence, Lord, may all our storms grow quiet within us.

People: **Bring rest to our hearts, O Lord; may we feel like a leaf after a storm, when the wind is still.**

All: **May we know both your presence and your peace;
May you receive both our praise and our thanksgiving.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and, too often, we have given ourselves into the power of wrong. We are truly sorry and humble ourselves before You. In Your compassion forgive us our wrongs, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus, our Brother and Savior. Emeny or 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.*

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

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

*HYMN 21 *Many and Great*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:11-20

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

TIME OF SHARING

Nancy Pheasant

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Creator, Father-Mother Spirit, who called the world and all that is in it into being; who spoke the creative-forming word, and all came forth; who created women and men and set them free to live in love and humility to the will of supreme love, and in community with all.

We believe in Creator, Son and Brother, who because of love for all creation beyond our understanding, entered the world to share our humanity; to set before us the paths of life and death, and walk them with us; to be rejected and die, but finally to conquer death and in new life, draw the world to himself for all time.

We believe in Creator, in-dwelling Spirit, who calls us into community, that we may, through faith and that community of oneness, experience uplifting and sustaining grace; that we may fulfill our human responsibility to reach out to our neighbor, whomever that may be; that we may rejoice in the constant nature of creation and the wondrous joy of life itself.

We believe in Creator, whose word teaches us that all things grow together, the Circle of Life; that the paths of life and death, good and evil, too often come together; that choices are not clearly defined, but that we confidently and responsibly tread the path we choose and only the true One can be our judge.

We believe in Creator, who is present and working in this world through all Creation. Emenv or 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 649 *Amazing Grace*

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
Guest Speaker: Nancy Pheasant
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse
Elder of the Month: Martha Rich

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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study is canceled until Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

PLEDGE CARDS: Pledge cards are included in this bulletin.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK THANKSGIVING DINNER: There will be a potluck Thanksgiving meal at The First Baptist Church today 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.

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.

Flowers for Sunday the 23rd are donated by Angie Helwig.

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: Sundays, 9:00 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, December 16th 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.

This morning we welcome Nancy Pheasant **ᎠᎨ ᎠᎩᎩᎩ** who will be sharing during the sermon time. She is a talented and passionate artisan from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She resides in the Wolftown community on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, North Carolina. Nancy's deep connection to her heritage is woven into every piece she creates. Over the years, she has mastered a variety of mediums, from traditional beadwork and pottery to intricate shell carvings and beyond. The connection between Nancy's artistry and Cherokee culture runs deep. Many of her designs are inspired by ancient iconography paying homage to the visual language crafted by her ancestors. “By learning, creating and practicing these traditional arts, I share my heritage and culture with others,” she states. Following in her father's footsteps she has become a respected storyteller committed to preserving and promoting the rich culture of the Cherokee people. As a cherished member of the Cherokee Storytellers group she captivates audiences of all ages by recounting traditional oral histories and legends passed down through generations.

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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Bryson City Presbyterian Church November 23, 2025 Native American Sunday



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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.