

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 24, 2024

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

**People:** **And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts.

**People:** **The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy forgive us. Raise to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

John 18: 33-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *To Live with the End in Mind* Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Colossians 1

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

\*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign*

## 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:** Sammi Birchfield

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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.

**NURSERY:** There will not be a Nursery this Sunday. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH:** Christmas Wreathmaking December 4th at 4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** If you would like to order a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone please complete and return the order form before Sunday, December 8th. The flowers will decorate the Sanctuary beginning December 15th, and may be taken home the week after Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE:** Sundays, 9:15 am

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, the 27th and Thursday, the 28th.

## ADVENT SCHEDULE



- Sunday, December 1st - First Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday, December 4th - Wreath-Making 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 11th - Church Potluck & Singing
- Sunday, December 15th - Christmas Cantata at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 22nd - Christmas Caroling 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 24th - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast
  - Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day
- Sunday, December 29th at 11:00 a.m. - Casual Lessons and Carols

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

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

**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** - December the 8th after worship service.

**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.

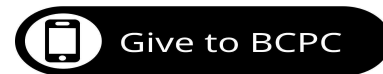
**Coffee & Fellowship** - Every first Sunday after worship service.

**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 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

**AI-Anon Meeting**- Tuesday 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:

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Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Office Administrator: Elise Bryson

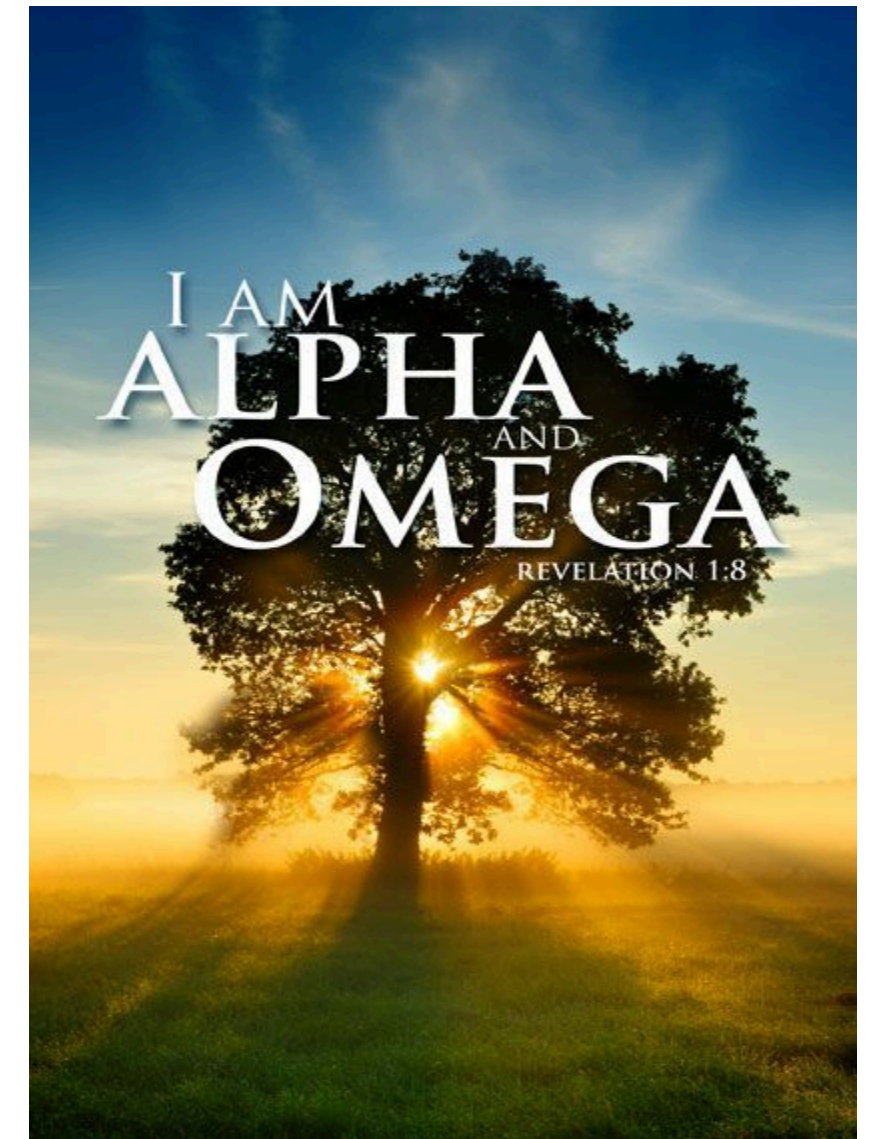
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## Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

*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.*