SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 8, 2026
The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve?
People: As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
Leader: What has God done for you?
People: Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds. Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!
Leader: What will you do?
People: We'll never stop telling our story. The next generation will hear it. Children not yet born will know it.
Leader: Hope in God, whose story will never end.
People: Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 363 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kingdom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. 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 Daily Change Offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 78:1-7

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

*HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 1-13

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

SERMON *Under the Oak* Elder Collin Caldwell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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 310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

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:
Elder: Collin Caldwell
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Elder of the Month: Merle Carroll

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 and YouTube 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THE 11TH: The Church office will be closed Wednesday, November the 11th for Veteran's Day.

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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Stewardship Sunday is November 15th.

POTLUCK MEAL: There will be a potluck meal in the fellowship hall Wednesday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m. Veterans will share their memories. Please bring your favorite soup, stew or chowder.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner at the First Baptist Church Thursday, November 26th. If you would like to help or prepare dishes 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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:
Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.
Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome. Please join us!
Choir Seasonal Practice - 9 am, Sunday.
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 - Session meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
Women's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Everett Street Diner 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. at The Tuck & Table.
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.
Manna Market 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. and the last Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

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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.*