

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

October 19, 2025

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIPFrom Psalm 121 and 2 Timothy 4

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills, from where will our help come?
People: **Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;
People: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**
Leader: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!
All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 645Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe. 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 121

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

*HYMN 175Seek Ye First

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGGenesis 32:22-31

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

SERMONLimping AlongRev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHFrom the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become a personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. 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 542God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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: Patty Ambrosino

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 will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

SESSION MEETING: There will be a Session Meeting Tuesday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT: The church will have a booth at the Town Trick or Treat Friday the 30th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to wear costumes and help distribute candy. Anyone who would like to donate candy can put it in the Parlor or in Elise's office. There will be a spaghetti dinner after the Town Trick or Treat in the Fellowship Hall.

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!

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, October 21, 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.



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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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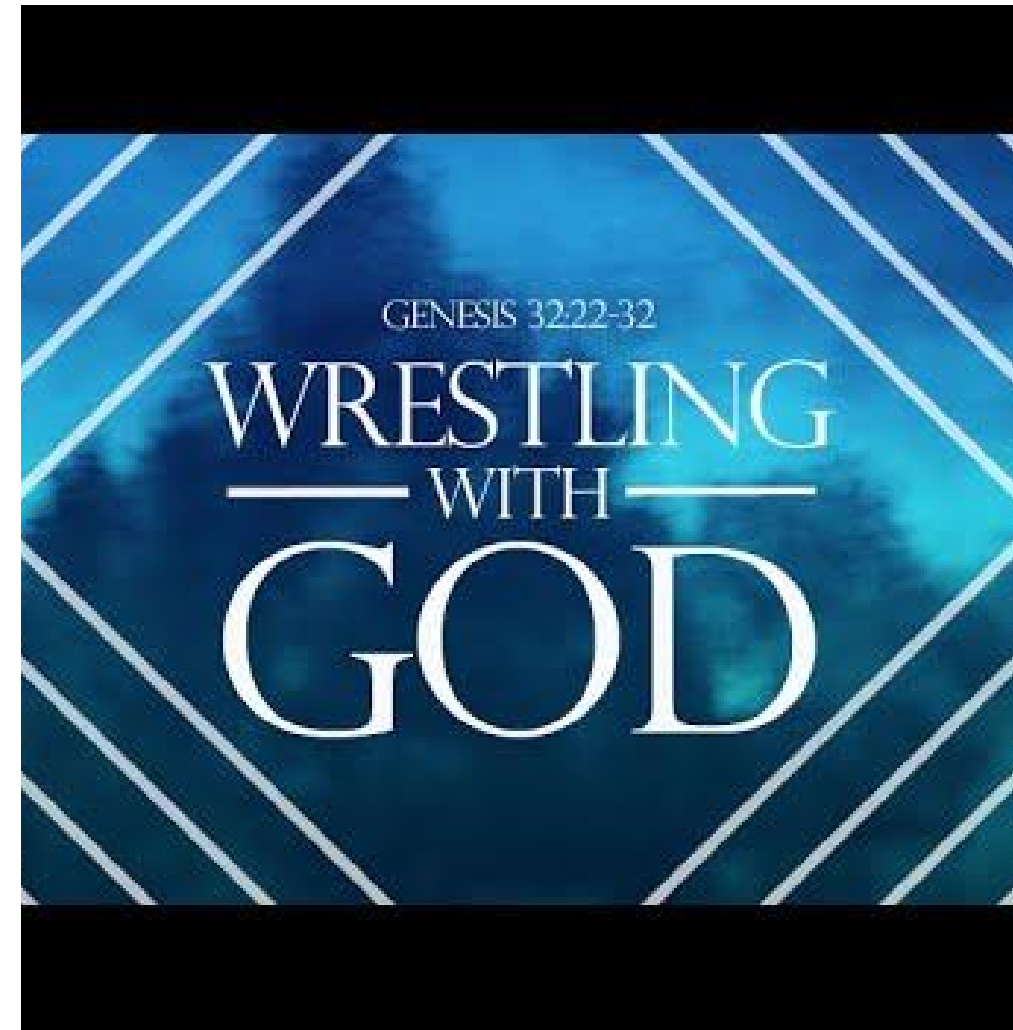
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.