

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here in this place, God offers us food
People: So we take and eat.
Leader: Here is this place, our neighbors are hungry.
People: So we share the bread and cup.
Leader: Here in this place, the table extends
People: Beyond our friends,
Leader: Beyond those who agree with us
People: Beyond these walls,
Leader: Beyond our borders,
People: Around the world.
Leader: Let us taste and see that God is good!
All: Let us worship God with joy!

*HYMN 627 *I Love You, Lord (sung twice)* I LOVE YOU, LORD

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of each of us, God of all of us,
Being church is hard.
We do not all agree about what you are
or how to follow Jesus or what faith means
or how to spend our time and money.
We do not always listen well. We do not always speak kindly.
Sometimes we forget the truth of church; we are all members of one body.
Every part is needed. Every part is honored.
And it is a blessing to have these companions on our journey.
Forgive our failings and strengthen our love.

A moment for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI 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. (Sing 3 times)
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 Psalm 18: 1-3

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2: 43-47

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

Sermon *The Longer Table* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *How Beautiful*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God. But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves divine purpose through them all,

Whoever among us wants to be great must become the servant of all.

Just as Christ came not to be served, but to serve and give his life to set others free.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves of free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy one, You have fed us with your love
And shaped us in the stillness,
Now guide us as we go to meet the brothers and sisters who wait for our embrace.
For we pray in the name of Jesus,
Who came out of love for the world. 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.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* COPELAND

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.*

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Margie Stansell

Interim Musicians: Marna Dodson and Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Carol Sussman

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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: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

SPECIAL OFFERING: In the bulletin there are envelopes to give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through this offering we connect with each other to fight injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world. 25% of this offering stays with our church to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today for coffee and fellowship.

GAME NIGHT: Game Night is cancelled for this month, to resume November 3rd with an Upcycle Night.

HALLOWEEN INFORMATION: The church will be setting up a booth on Everett Street to participate in the annual Trick or Treat. Volunteers are needed. Afterwards there will be a Lasagna Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

ADDRESS FOR PASTOR BETH: The address for Pastor Beth is 3904 Ashford Trail NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319-1897 or % Ann Council, 3956 Granger Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341. She will give health updates on the Caring Bridge site.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Session Meeting - Session Meeting every fourth Sunday after worship.

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.

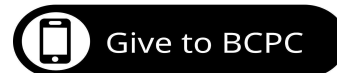
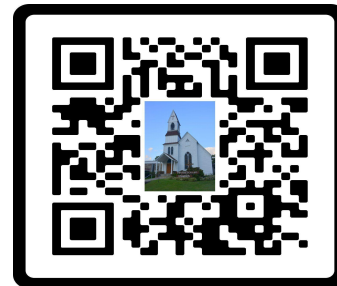
Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

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.

Giving Spoon - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



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Unrestricted Giving	\$124,971
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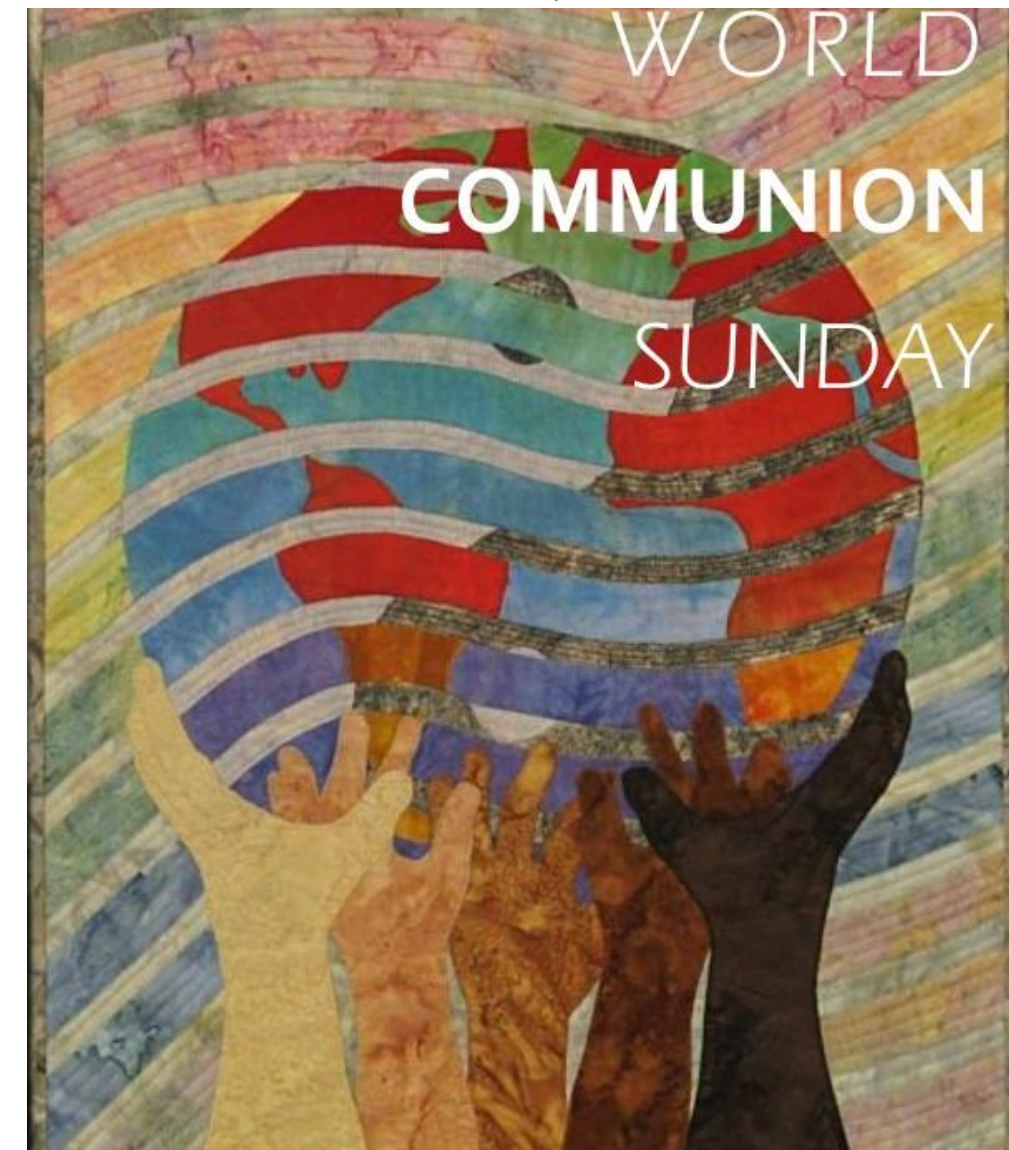
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.