SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
October 25, 2026
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather here to worship God.
People: We are here, with heart, soul, and mind.
Leader: We gather here as Christ's body.
People: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.
Leader: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.
People: We are here to worship and to be transformed.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

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

*HYMN 419 *Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House* RIDGEMORE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-46

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

SERMON *Until We Get It Right* Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Matthew 22

Leader: What is the greatest commandment?
People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

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 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

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
Elder of the Month: Bill Helwig

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.

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

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH: October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday night, October 31st.

STEWARDSHIP TIME: It is time for Stewardship. There will be a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall after worship Sunday, November 1st.

WARMING CENTER: There will be two opportunities for volunteers to gather and go over information for the coming cold season. There will be a potluck meal Sunday, Nov. 1st 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 pm, or an informational meeting Wednesday, Nov. 4th 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both are at the Warming Center. Please see Beth to RSVP.

BOOK CLUB: Melanie Lambert will be scheduling a meeting for those interested.

TOWN TRICK OR TREAT: The Church will have a booth at the Town Trick or Treat Saturday, October 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:45 p.m.

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!
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.*