

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 17, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn.
You teach the morning to waken the earth.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall
clap their hands.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
We resist the boundaries that lead to life,
As though we have no need of your care.
We turn your living covenant into static regulations,
As though we could legislate your love.
In our withered imaginations,
We contain your mystery and temper your freedom,
As though you were not God.
Meet us now in silence in ways that we can bear.
Wash us clean. Claim us again.
Amen.**

Time 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

Proverbs 3: 5-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4: 1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Let Your Life Speak

Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Prayer for Worship

Terry Kirkland

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Iona Community

**We believe in Jesus Christ, son of the one God, maker and sustainer of
earth, sea and sky.**

**Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.**

**Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state. He died but
transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.**

**He blessed the disciples with his holy spirit and sent them forth, east and
west, north and south.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters and
to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 317

In Christ There is No East or West

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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:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Margie Boyd Stansell

Interim Musician: Marna Dodson and Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Sammi Birchfield

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.

CHURCH POTLUCK: Join us for a Potluck Meal Friday, September 15th at 6:00 PM. in the Fellowship Hall.

ADDRESS FOR PASTOR BETH: Pastor Beth Newman, c/o Ann Council, 3956 Granger Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341

BIBLICAL POTLUCK: Plans are ongoing for a Biblical Potluck. If you have ideas and/or recipes please contact Martha Rich. More information will be forthcoming.

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.

Game Night: Every first Friday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Meeting - The fourth Sunday of every month 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.

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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BCPC Elders: Mark Brannon, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Martha Rich, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan, Sammi Birchfield

BCPC Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Interim Musicians: Marna Dodson and Katherine Whitehouse

Office Administrator: Elise Bryson

Nursery: Josie Parker

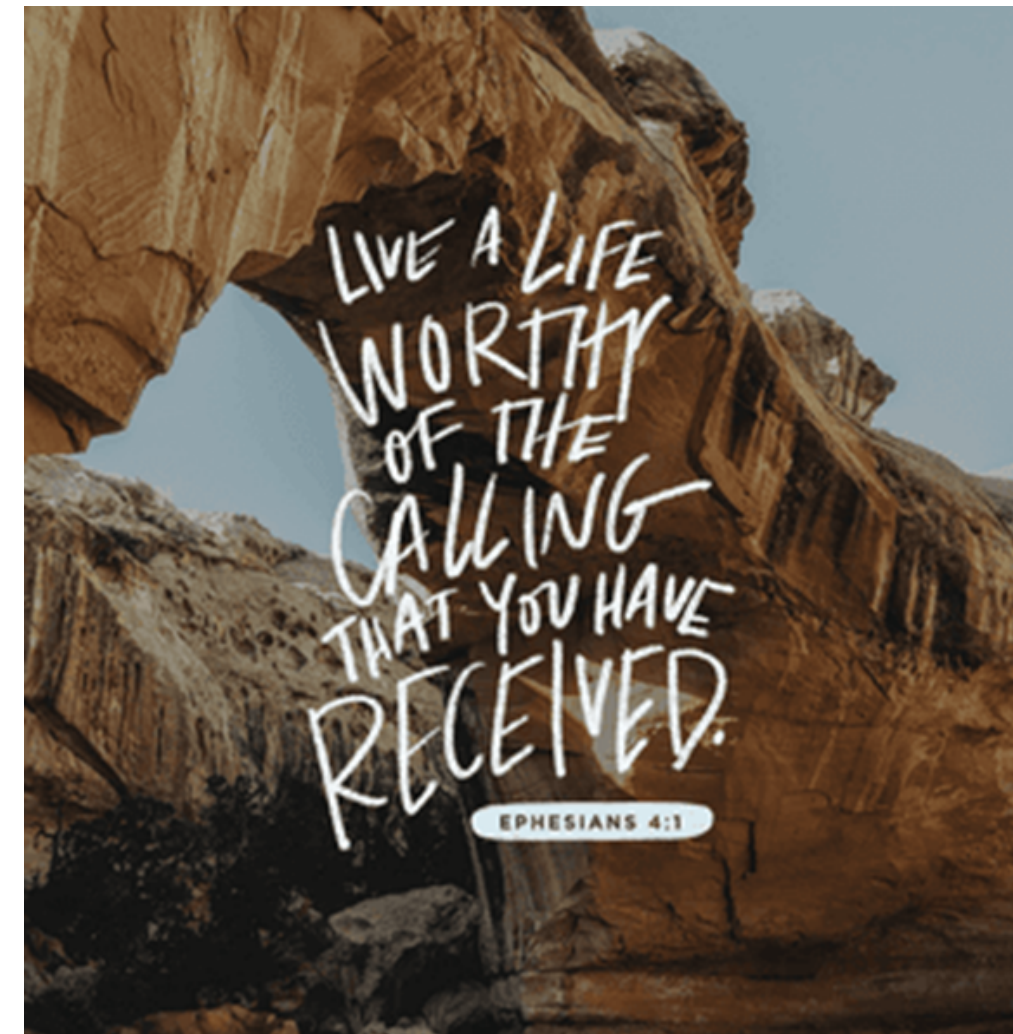
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.