

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2024
THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God teaches us the way of righteousness,
People: The way of love, the way of peace.
Leader: We glorify God,
People: Gathering to hear God's word.
Leader: We glorify God,
People: Enacting God's word.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try 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 RESPONSE CHORUS 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 READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Be Doers of the Word

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

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

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 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Bob Jordan

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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 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.

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

LOVE OFFERING: We will be taking a Love Offering to give to our visitors from Malawi to help support the work of the hospital there.

VISITOR FROM MALAWI: On September 8th Agness Nayanda, the assistant director at the Nkhoma Hospital in Nkhoma Malawi, will join us for worship and a reception afterward. Our Presbytery has had a 25-year relationship with our brothers and sisters of Nkhoma, and our own Frank Vanmiddlesworth and Ann Edison have served in missions there. Please join us on the 8th to greet Ms. Nayanda and hear more about our joint efforts in our mission in Nkhoma.

POTLUCK and PRESENTATION: On Wednesday, September 11th there will be a potluck at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kathy Wiggins will lead a Sing-a-Long with hymns from her survey.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS: The Church will set up a booth at the annual Town Trick-or-Treat. Following the town event, there will be a Halloween-themed potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. 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 a.m.

Session Meeting - Session Meeting every month.

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.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon Meetings - Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.



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BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Sammi Birchfield (Discipleship & Community Outreach), Mark Brannon (Chair), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Building & Grounds), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Martha Rich (Congregational Life), Carol Sussman (Finance)

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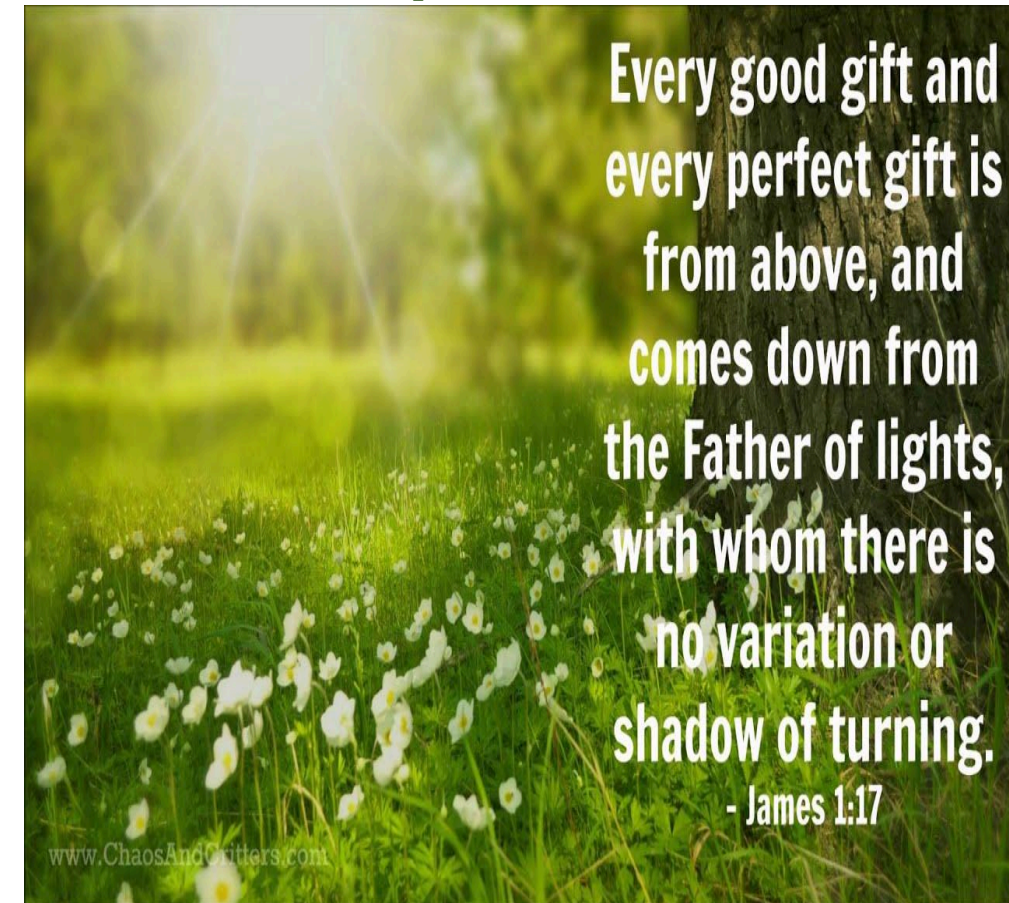
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.