

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 29, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: May our worship reflect God's glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 336

We Gather Together

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand. You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves. You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can. You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned. Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another. 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 READING

Psalm 19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

For Such a Time as This

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and made everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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.*

*The Prayer of Confession is from "Call To Worship"
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Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Bob Jordan

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.

SPECIAL OFFERING: There are envelopes in the bulletin for Sunday, October 6th when we will take up the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Twenty-five percent of this offering will stay with the church to support peacemaking and reconciliation in the community.

POTLUCK AND PRESENTATION: Wednesday, October 9th there will be a potluck at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kathy Wiggins will lead a Sing-a-Long.

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 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 Hut.

Session Meeting - August 18th 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.

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 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon Meeting- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



This is a QR Code and can be scanned by your phone's camera. If your phone does not have this capacity, you can download an app. This code is linked to the church's Paypal account.

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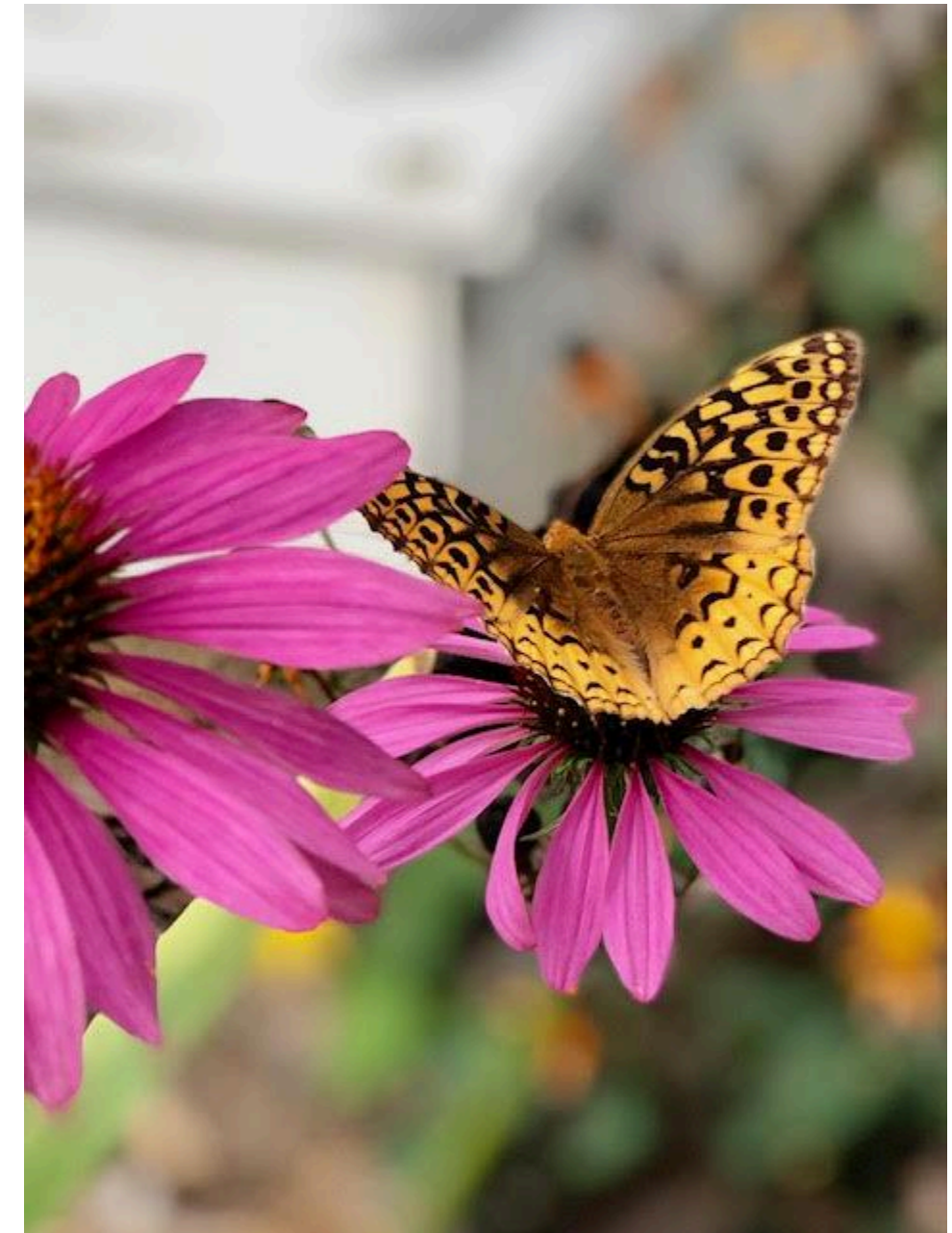


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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.