

Service for the Lord's Day

September 7, 2025

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

From Psalm 139

Leader:

Oh Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People:

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader:

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People:

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them--they are like the sand.

All:

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. 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

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Psalms 139

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Inescapable God

Rev. Beth Newman

Our Thankful Response

Choral Anthem

\*Affirmation of Faith

A Scriptural Affirmation from Romans

We believe that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread & Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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: Katie Whitehouse  
Elder of the Month: Martha Rich

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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 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 is at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP** - Coffee and fellowship will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today.

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY:** There is a Flower Chart in the narthex. If you would like to bring flowers for our Sanctuary, please write the date, your name, and telephone number under the month.

**Flowers for the service today are donated by Rock & Karen Ledford.**

**POTLUCK & “TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF”:** Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for those that wish to tell a little about themselves. You can share information so everyone becomes better acquainted.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome, Please join us!

**Sunday Morning Class** - There will be a class every Sunday morning in the Hut from 9:45 to 10:30 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.

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Parlor.

**Session Meeting** - The third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**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** - The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday at the Church 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. Also, in the Fellowship Hall the last Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

**“Feed My Sheep”** - Food and Worship in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday from 3:00 to 6:30 pm.



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

### BCPC Staff:

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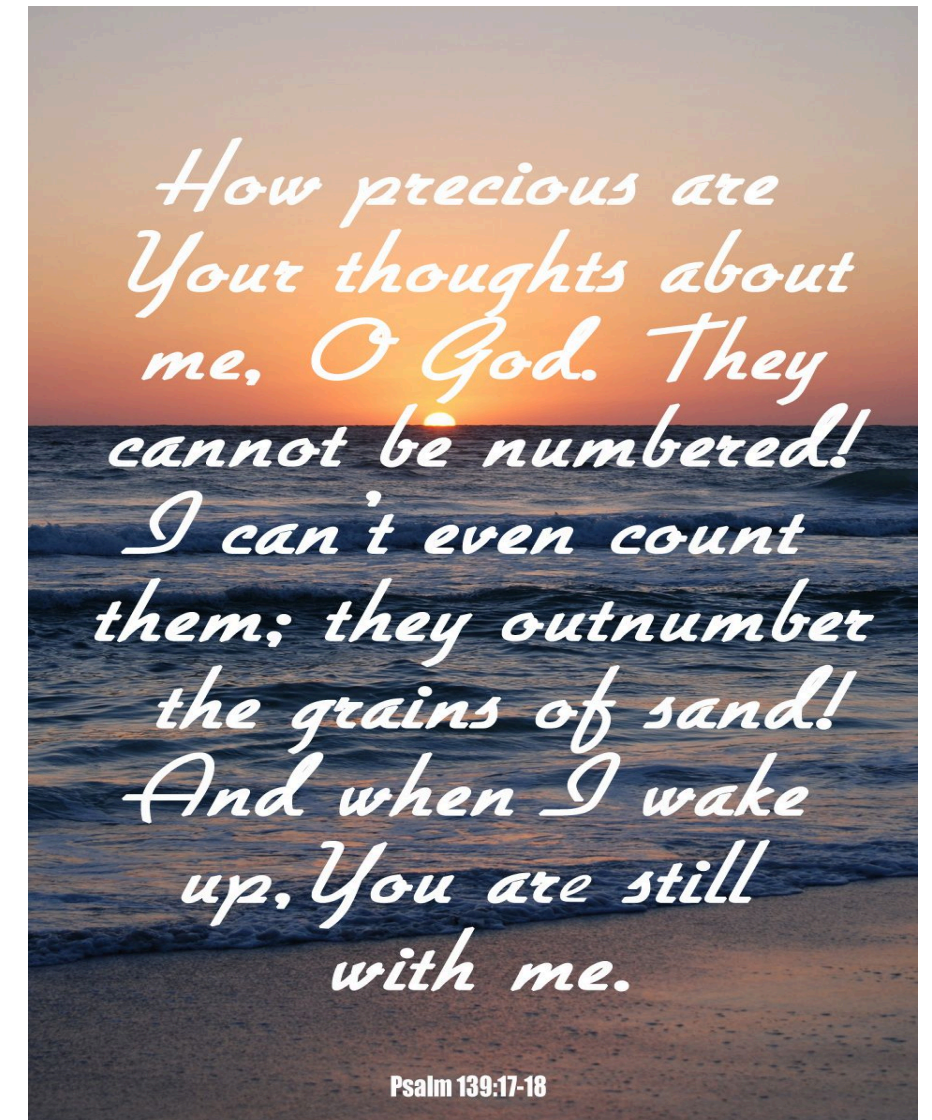
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**Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
*We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .*

*Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship*

*Learn together as we grow in discipleship and*

*Reach out in love.*