

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Everyone who thirsts;
People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness;
People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who need the help of God;
People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 163 *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you created us and called us good. You planted us in the garden of your grace and provided everything we might need. Yet we are tempted by other fruit and succumb to our own desires. We sin against you, disobeying your commandments. We sin against others, causing sorrow and suffering. We even sin against ourselves, forgetting that we are made in your image.

Forgive us, O Lord our God. Deliver us from sin and death, strengthen us by your faithfulness, that we may turn away from evil and live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE CHORUS

*Oh how He loves you and me,
Oh how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give?
Oh how He love you; Oh how He loves me;
Oh how He loves you and me.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 12

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 23:37

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

SERMON

Prophetic Jesus

Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERN

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 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Margie Boyd Stansell

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: 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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: The Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the narthex. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

BIBLICAL POTLUCK: The Biblical Potluck will be Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. Recipes are available in the narthex, please write the name of the one you select to bring.

CHURCH RETREAT: We are taking recommendations for the retreat this year - a weekend at Oconee State Park or a day at Lake Santeetlah Cheoah Point. This will be scheduled for late July or early August. Please give input on your opinion.

ADDRESS FOR PASTOR BETH: The address for Pastor Beth is 3904 Ashford Trail NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319-1897 or % Ann Council, 3956 Granger Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341. She will give health updates on the Caring Bridge site.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 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 Hut.

Session Meeting - The next Session Meeting will be February 11th 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: 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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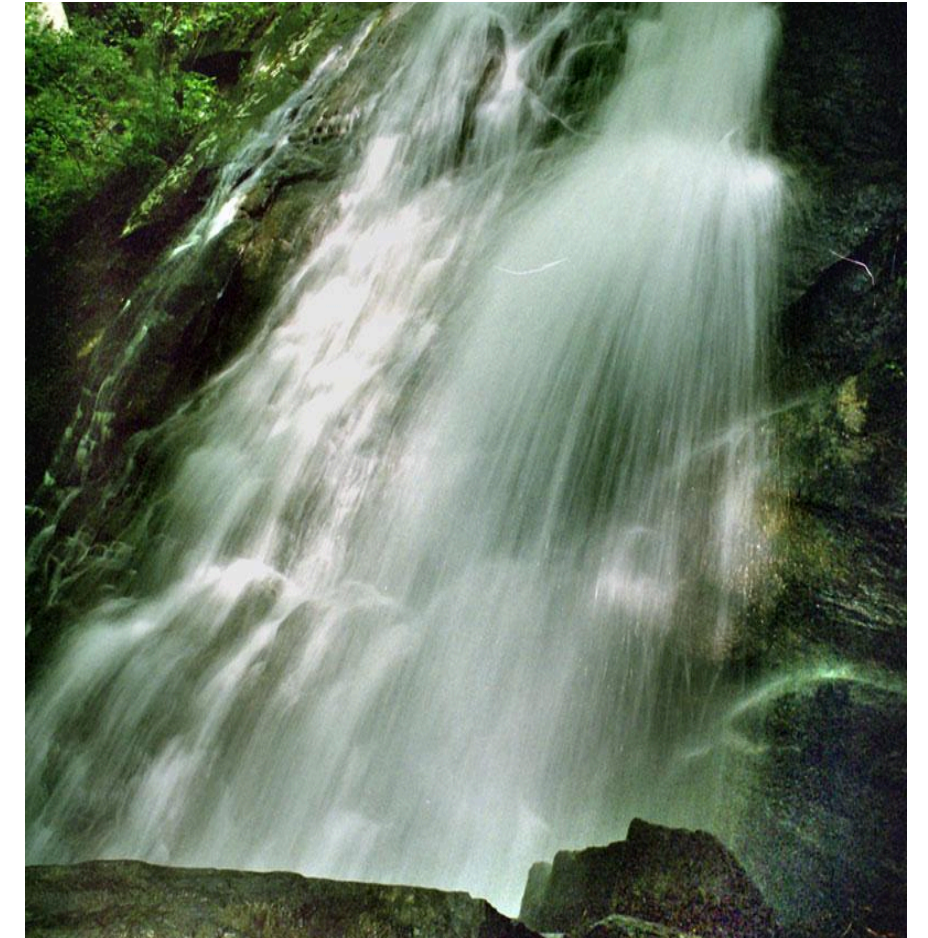
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.