

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

**People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: The highest in all creation lives among the least,

**People: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now all who thirst

**People: And drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now all who hunger

**People: And be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now all who seek

**People: And be warmed by the fire of love.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*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 25: 1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22: 34-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Pharisees*

Rev. Margie Stansell

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Iona Community

**We believe, O God of all gods, that you are the eternal maker of life; we believe, O God of all gods, that you are the eternal maker of love. We believe, O Lord and God of all people, that you are the creator of the high heavens, that you are the creator of the skies above, that you are the creator of the oceans below. We believe, O Lord and God of all people that you are the one who created our souls and set their course, that you are the one who created our bodies from dust and from ashes.**

**God, bless to our bodies, God, bless to our souls, God, bless to our lives, God, bless to our belief.**

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 316

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

## 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.

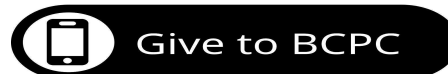
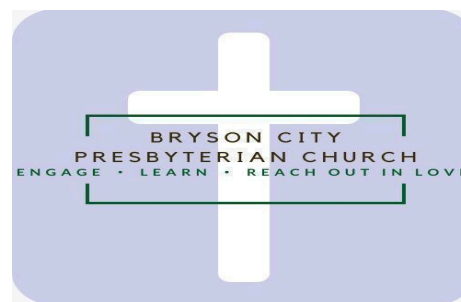
**Presbyterian Women** - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

**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)

### BCPC Staff:

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## Bryson City Presbyterian Church February 25, 2024

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God  
with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great  
commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou  
shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all  
the law and the prophets."

~ Matthew 22:37-40 ~

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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.*