

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 4, 2024  
THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world belongs to God.  
**People: The earth and all of its people.**  
Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,  
**People: To live together in unity.**  
Leader: Love and faith come together,  
**People: Justice and peace join hands.**  
Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent.  
**People: These stones would shout aloud.**  
Leader: Open our lips, O God,  
**People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 327 *From All That Dwells Below the Skies*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness; around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often deep with us, a striving against your Spirit. Forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.

*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 PATRI 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. (Sing 3 times)  
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 34: 1-9

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 2: 1-11

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

Sermon *Our Heavenly Host* Rev. Margie Stansell

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

\*COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR FRANK VANMIDDLESWORTH

CONGREGATION:

**We rejoice to recognize you as a representative of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gift of service. We send you forth with our prayers and our support, and with you, we renew our commitment to God and service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray God's blessings for you. 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 516 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

## 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.*

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Leading in worship today:  
**Pastor:** Rev. Margie Stansell  
**Music Director:** Kathy Wiggins  
**Guest Musician:** Katie Whitehouse  
**Elder of the Month:** Sammi Birchfield

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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 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 after worship service today for coffee and fellowship.

**BABY SHOWER:** There will be a Baby Shower for Josie Parker Sunday, February 11th after worship service. She is expecting a boy - Oliver Matthew.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th followed by a Potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**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 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.

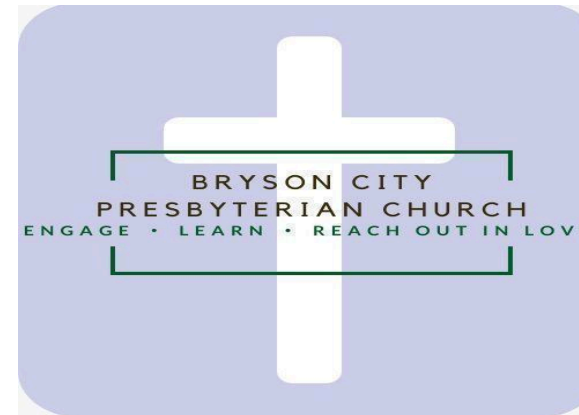
**Presbyterian Women** - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

**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. 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, Sammi Birchfield, Mark Brannon, Bill Helwig, Bob Jordan, Dan Manley, Lisa Monnat, Martha Rich, Carol Sussman

### BCPC Staff:

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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.*