

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Collin & Amanda Caldwell

Leader: There is a love that never ceases,
People: There is a creativity that designed the universe,
Leader: There is a hope that cannot be quenched.
People: There is a pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost;
Leader: These are things that are of God.
All: Therefore let us worship God!

*HYMN 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

*INVOCATION PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

Leader: We rise today, through God's strength to pilot us.
People: God's might to uphold us.
Leader: God's wisdom to guide us.
People: God's eye to look before us.
Leader: God's ear to hear us.
People: God's word to speak to us.
Leader: God's hand to guard us.
People: God's shield to protect us.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S BLESSING

*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

Jeremiah 31: 15-17

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 24-26

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

SERMON

*Is it Life Giving?
"A Lesson From Jesus and Rachel"*

Rev. Jim Strickland

HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Iona Community

**We affirm the faith
That takes us beyond the safe place
Into action, into vulnerability and the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
And to put ourselves on the line
To bear responsibility, to take risks.
To live powerfully in the face of power
To stand with those on the edge
To choose life and be used by the Spirit
For God's new community of hope. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(I will not offer to God that which costs me nothing)

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 821 *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

THE SENDING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*May the love of God go with you from this place.
May your hours and days show forth his praise.*

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Remember as you leave-
The Word of God will light your path.
The peace of God will steady your steps.
The grace of God is ours already
To share with those we meet on our way this week.

**Rise in body or spirit.*

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Leading in worship today:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Jim Strickland
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse
Elder of the Month: Bill Helwig

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: Please let the office know if you need a copy of the Lenten Devotional Booklet.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT: Easter Breakfast will be Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Service at 11:00 a.m.

DAY RETREAT: Saturday, August 24th will be a Day Retreat at Cheoah Point in Robbinsville. You can arrive around 10:00 a.m. or earlier. Everyone can swim, kayak, etc before and after lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products, and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish. Invite your friends to join us. Please let us know the number of people in your party so we can order food for everyone.

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 April 21st 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.



Maundy Thursday Service

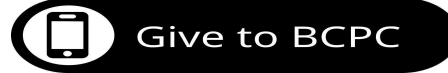
March 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Community Potluck & Worship

12:00 noon Monday the 25th and Friday the 29th at the First Baptist Church - paper goods and drinks provided

Easter Sunday at BCPC

Sunday the 31st breakfast at 9:00 followed by Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Worship at 11:00 a.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.

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:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Interim Pastor: Margie Stansell

Music Director: Kathy Wiggins

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Office Administrator: Elise Bryson

Custodian: Melinda Morefield

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THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS
DISCIPLES, "IF ANYONE
DESIRES TO COME AFTER ME,
LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND
TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND
FOLLOW ME.
MATTHEW 16:24

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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.