

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

### THE GATHERING

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.  
**People:** **Show us your ways and teach us your paths.**  
Leader: We wait for you.  
**People:** **Lead us in your paths of truth.**  
Leader: Do not remember our failures.  
**People:** **Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.**  
Leader: You are faithful, O God, your love is steadfast.  
**People:** **We lift up our souls to you, and praise you always.**  
**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 157 *I Danced in the Morning*

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter, over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boats.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

*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.**

#### \*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 130

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

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5: 1-11

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

Sermon *Peter* Rev. Margie Stansell

### OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Sanctified Art

I believe in a God of abundance - a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.  
I believe in a God who comforts - a God who joins me in life's deep waters.

I believe in a God who invites. A God who says, "Follow me," and "You will be fishers of people."

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently, a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray.

#### 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 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

### 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:** Bill Helwig

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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.

**EASTER LILIES:** Easter Lily Forms are included in this bulletin. You can purchase an Easter Lily in memory or in honor of someone. They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please turn in your order before Sunday, March 24th.

**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.

**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 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.

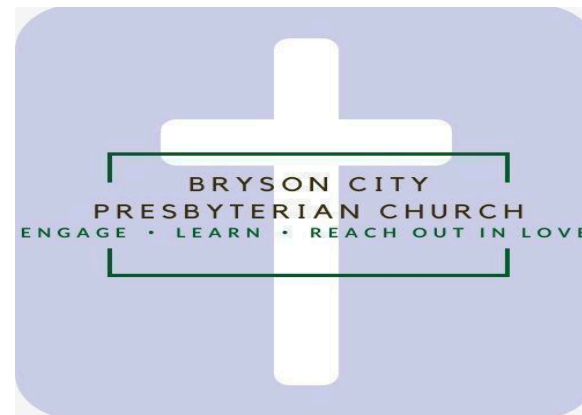
**Presbyterian Women** - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

**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 (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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### 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.*