

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

EPIPHANY

January 7, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Dona Nobis Pacem* Drew Campbell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **By water and the Holy Spirit, we are cleansed and empowered to come before the Lord in praise and thanksgiving.**

All: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

*HYMN 129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* PRAETORIUS

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not act as we believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. 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.**

*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

Psalms 119: 34-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Home By Another Way"* Rev. Margie Stansell

STAR WORD REFLECTIONS

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*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.

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

We have participated in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We have shared the tangible evidence of your love with each other. Now we will offer ourselves to you for service. We will not offer you offerings that cost us nothing. We are committed. Lord, and we ask you to use us as you will in the church, and in the world.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Katie Whitehouse

*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 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* HOPKINS

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 *Christmas Melodies* Frela Beck & Ann Yaun

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Margie Stansell

Musicians: Frela Beck, Ann Yaun, Drew Campbell and Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Dan Manley

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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.

SESSION MEETING: There will be a Session Meeting after worship service today.

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR: Kathy Wiggins has been selected as the new Music Director. She will be starting January 14th.

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 fourth Sunday after worship.

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.

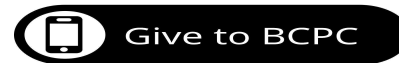
Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

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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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.