

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 26, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From whirlwind and burning bush, in the still of the night and in sheer silence

People: God calls the faithful to sacred work.

Leader: Beckoning us to turn aside, inviting us to stand on holy ground

People: God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.

Leader: Come, God is calling.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, you call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good. You call us to take up the cross and commit our lives to the cause of love. But we are afraid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others. We do not want to lose the security we enjoy. Forgive us, O God. Open our ears to hear your voice and our eyes to see our neighbor in need. Unlock our hearts so we will respond with compassion and follow in the way of Christ. Amen

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is that God is faithful to forgive, even when we are not. God's love toward us knows no bounds. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. We can say over and over with confidence, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Psalm 63: 1-4

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12: 9-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Can Love Win?* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ's call is to live for our neighbors, Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on the planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to care passionately for the other's good, and to share what we have. We are obligated to speak the truth, in love, to listen with patience and openness, to accept the risk that love involves.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* PIERPOINT

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

Interim Musicians: Marna Dodson and Katherine Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Kyle Colley

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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to order a Poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone please complete and return the order form to the office before December 3rd, or drop in the name tag basket in the narthex.

ADVENT BOOKLETS: Advent Booklets “The Poetry of Advent” are available in a basket in the narthex or you can call the church to have a copy mailed to you.

BAD SANTA GAME NIGHT: Friday December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a gift costing from five to ten dollars to exchange. Please wrap gifts with no names.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Sunday, December 17th will be the Christmas Cantata.

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.

Game Night: Every first Friday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Meeting - The fourth Sunday of every month 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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YTD Financials	
Unrestricted Giving	\$153,054
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BCPC Elders: Mark Brannon, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Martha Rich, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan, Sammi Birchfield

BCPC Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

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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.