

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 15, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold, what love God has for us!

People: We are the children of God.

Leader: The world does not understand,

People: Because the world still does not know God.

Leader: Christ has shared God's love for us through his life, death, and resurrection;

People: We are called to share God's love with one another.

Leader: Come worship Christ, for we are the children of God;

People: May we be filled with God's love, and share God's love with the world.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Author of Life,

We confess we have written our own version of the story that does not align with You. We have made excuses for selfish behavior, justified putting ourselves first, and creatively interpreted Scripture to ignore those in need around us. Forgive us for not looking to Your intention for our lives. Forgive us for not seeking Your intention as we interpret Scripture. Forgive us for not understanding your intention when we refuse to recognize who our neighbors are. Forgive us our sins.

Silent Prayer

Restore us by filling us with Your wisdom and insight, to understand our role in the book of life, to live out Your love in this world. We pray in Your name, Author of Salvation. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. We feel that forgiveness in our hearts. We are his children. Amen.

*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 105: 1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3: 12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sleeping with Bread

Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Declaration of Faith. Chapter 4

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

LES PETITES SOEURS

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: Carol Sussman

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.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH: October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Hut.

SESSION MEETING: There will be a Session Meeting Sunday, October 22nd after worship service.

HALLOWEEN INFORMATION: The church will be setting up a booth on Everett Street to participate in the annual Trick or Treat. Volunteers are needed. Afterwards there will be a Lasagna Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK: Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a Soup and Sides Potluck.

BIBLICAL POTLUCK: Plans are ongoing for a Biblical Potluck. If you have ideas and/or recipes please contact Martha Rich. More information will be forthcoming.

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.

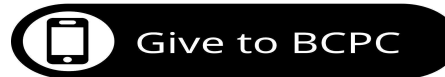
Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

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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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.