

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 8, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise will be always on my lips.

People: My soul will glory in the Lord; let the humble listen and rejoice.

Leader: Together, let us praise God's greatness, together, let us honor God's name.

People: I looked for God and God answered me, and liberated me from all my fear.

Leader: Those who look to God become radiant; their faces need show no shame.

People: This poor soul cries and God heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

Leader: Fear God, you holy people; those who show reverence will be satisfied.

People: Prices may languish and hunger but those who seek God lack for nothing.

All: Let us Worship God!

*HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, our understanding of you is small; increase it.

Our desire to do your will is weak; enliven it.

The seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit; ripen it.

But first, create in us clean hearts as, in your sight, we unburden ourselves of guilt, of anger, of fear, of pride, of hardness of heart, of weakness of intention.

Have mercy upon us, be with us and for us wherever life takes us. Amen

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east if from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

*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

Daily Change Offering

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 3: 5-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4: 1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Let Your Life Speak

Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God: who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

We celebrate the potential of the Church, the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding. Therefore we celebrate that

God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.

Blessed be God forever.

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 377 *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

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: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

DAILY CHANGE OFFERING: The Daily Change Offering will be collected today.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, October 10th at 1:00 pm in the Hut.

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

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 will be a Soup Birthday Potluck to celebrate the birthdays in the month.

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 10:00 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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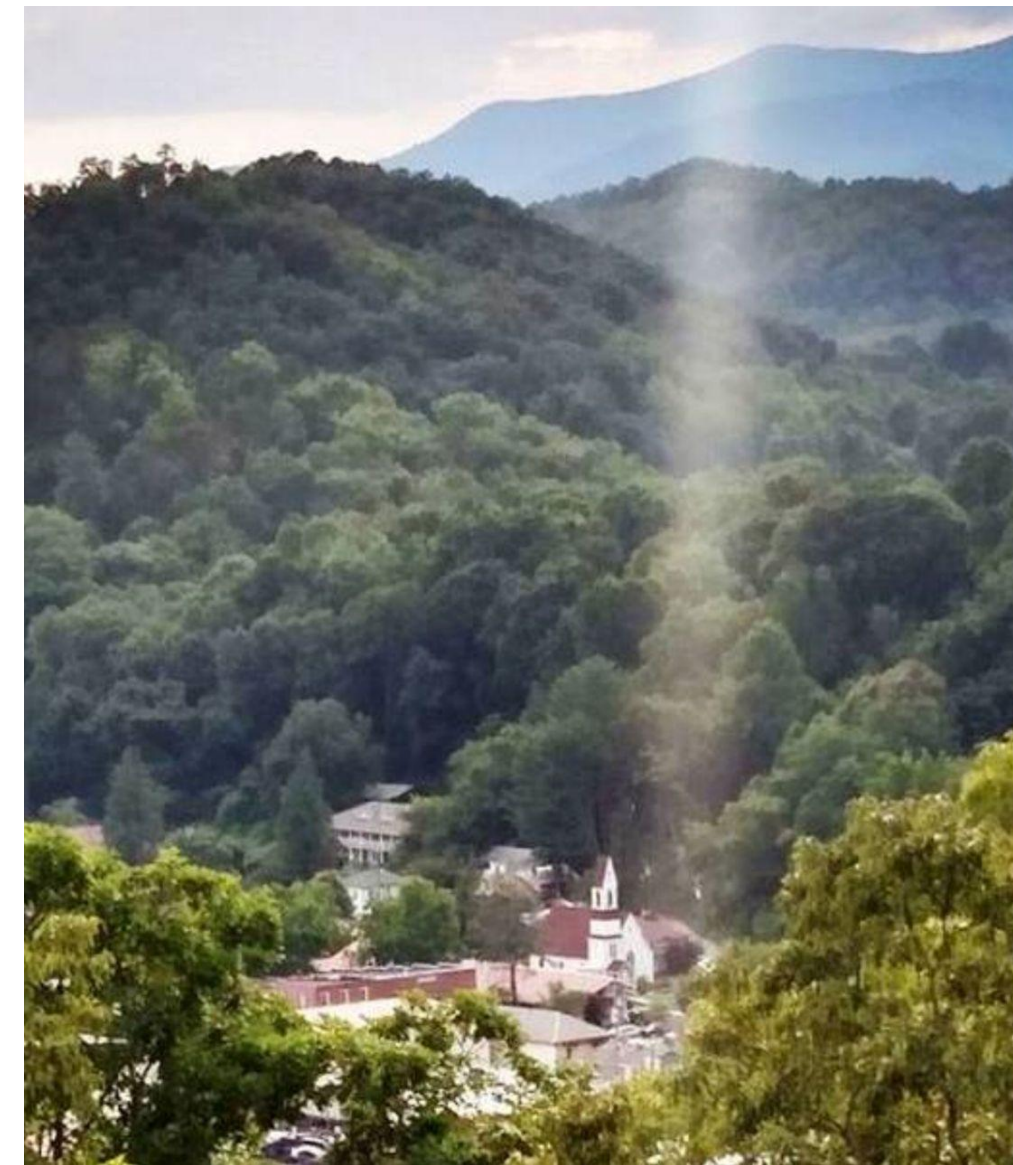
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.