

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 24, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began.

People: God was.

Leader: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

People: God is.

Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment.

People: God will be.

Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: God was. God is. God will be.

All: Let us Worship God!

*HYMN 694 *Great God of Every Blessing* AURELIA

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith;

Because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision;

Because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion;

Because we do not always get it right, because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us,

And we are willing to make our hearts your home,

We ask you to comfort, control, forgive and encourage us,

Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new. Amen

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God for the wideness of God's mercy!!!

*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 106: 1-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4: 21-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Company of Strangers* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Lord of the Dance*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,

In God we trust;

And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church. For the glory of God. Amen.

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 182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* KINGSFOLD

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: Sammi Birchfield

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.

SESSION MEETING: There will be a Session Meeting after worship today. A light lunch will be served.

INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Margie Stansell has agreed to become our Interim Pastor for six months or so while Pastor Beth Newman is out.

SPECIAL OFFERING: In the bulletin there are envelopes to give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering through October 1st. Through this offering we connect with each other to fight injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world. 25% of this offering stays with our church to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

GAME NIGHT: Game Night will be Friday, October 6th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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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| Unrestricted Giving | \$118,846 |
| Operating Expenses | \$107,531 |
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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.