

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 3, 2023
THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord will guide you continually,
And satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong;
**People: And we shall be like a watered garden,
Like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.**
Leader: With thanks and praise, let us worship God.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 838 *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we know that You are Lord of all
And that You guide the universe toward its goal in Christ.
Forgive our lack of vision,
For we often think and act as if our lives have no purpose
And history has no meaning.
In our doubt and despair, we fall into sin;
We let greed, apathy and heartlessness overtake us;
We hurt others and fail to do the good You have called us to do.
By your mercy, restore us, renew us,
And recreate us in the image of Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

A moment 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 Hebrews 10: 24-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 30-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Broken For Us* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Heidelberg Catechism -
Who is your only comfort in life and in death?)

**That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death-
Not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and
Has completely freed me from the dominion of the evil;
That he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
Indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,
And makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for
him.**

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

**Holy one, You have fed us with your love and shaped us in the stillness,
Now guide us as we go to meet the brothers and sisters who wait for our
enbrace.
For we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world.
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 500 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* ST. FLAVIAN

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

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Margie 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.

GUEST PASTOR: Rev. Margie Stansell will be leading the service today.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today for coffee and fellowship.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day Holiday.

GAME NIGHT: Game Night will be Friday, September 1st at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Featured games are Pinochle and/or Bingo.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The Thursday morning Women's Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. at various locations since Mountain Perks will be closed for the month of September. Martha Rich will send a text with the location each week. If you have not been attending, but would like to, please let Martha know so she can add you to her contact list.

CHURCH POTLUCK: There will be a Church Potluck meal on Friday, September 15th at 6:00 pm.

CARDS FOR PASTOR BETH: Pastor Beth would love to receive cards and letters while she is in the hospital in Atlanta. The address is: % 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 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.

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.

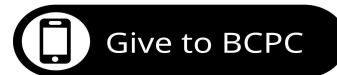
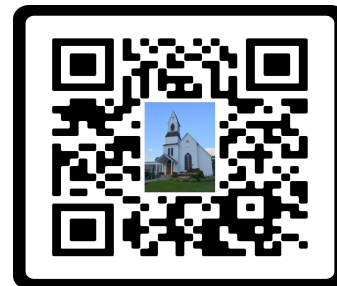
Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

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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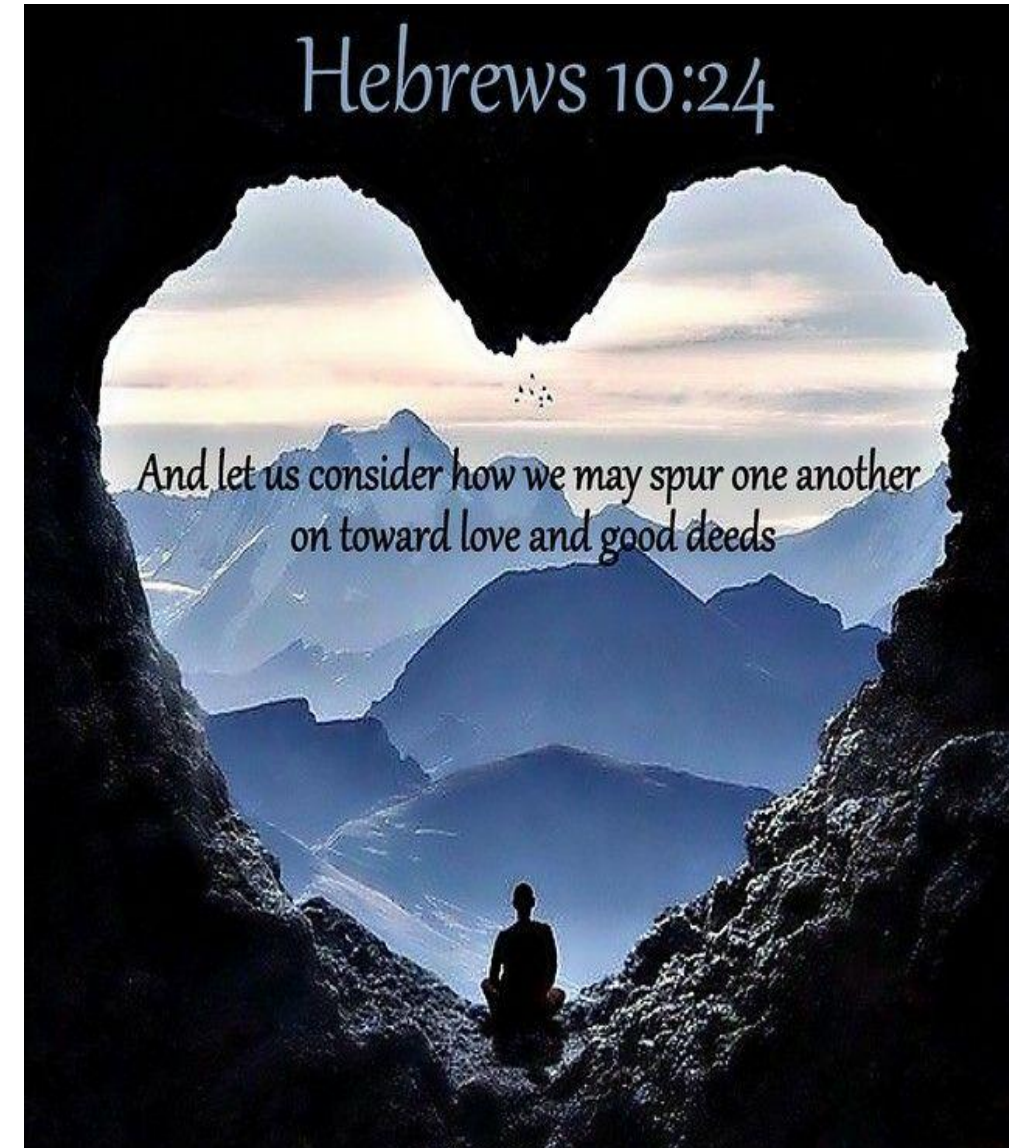
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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.