

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 23, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's creation delights and astonishes.
People: Let the people pause and wonder!
Leader: God, the Creator, has made it all.
People: Let all creation shout and sing!
Leader: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,
All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You created us to receive your blessing
and give your blessings to others,
but we act as if we would run out of your love
if we were to offer it to each other.
We imagine that we have your ways all figured out,
and so we reject or ignore those who see you differently.
We accumulate goods for ourselves,
forgetting that you intend for us to share and celebrate.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Name us as your people again,
and restore us to your favor,
in Jesus' name.

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

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*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 Isaiah 55:10-13

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 25:19-34

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

SERMON "Family" Rev. Lucy Strong

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

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 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

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:

Leading in Worship: Rev. Lucy Strong
Interim Musician: Marna Dodson
Elder of the Month: Martha Rich

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.

GUEST PASTOR: Lucy Strong is the guest Pastor for the service today. Lucy grew up in Memphis, TN and graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2013. She currently serves as the Associate Pastor for Mission and Engagement at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. She lives with her wife, Sarah, and their two cats, Gus and Walter in Decatur, GA. When she is not in church, she enjoys gardening, hiking, and sharing meals with friends.

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

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The women who have signed up for the Women's Conference will meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today to finalize plans.

BASEBALL GAME: Friday, July 28th is the Asheville Tourists game. If you signed up but have not paid for the tickets please bring your money for the tickets to the office or mark "Baseball Tickets" and put in the offering plate. Tickets will be available for pick up in the office this week or will be distributed on the day of the game.

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.

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.

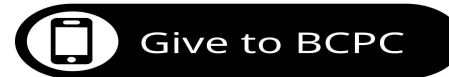
Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

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.