

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 11, 2023

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 33

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

**People: Sing to God a new song!**

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright,

**People: And all God's work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: Our God loves righteousness and justice;

**People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared and nurtured that people so that they could live life in your abundance. You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call. Amen.**

*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.**

\*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

Matthew 9: 9- 13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Genesis 12: 1-9

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Be A Blessing*

Rev. Beth Newman

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the one God, Maker and Ruler of all things, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Teacher, Example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united to the living Lord. We believe in the Reign of God as the divine rule in human society and in the community of all who love 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 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

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## 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.*

The Call to Confession is from "Feasting on the Word," edited by Kimberly Long. The Affirmation of Faith is from "Banquet of Praise" by Bread for the World.

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Leading in worship today:

**Pastor:** Rev. Beth Newman

**Interim Musicians:** Marna Dodson and Katie Whitehouse

**Elder of the Month:** Mark Brannon

## 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.

**GAME NIGHT:** Friday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m. will be Game Night in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Popcorn will be available. Bring a game to share.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The annual Church Picnic will be Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Morgan Pavillion on Deep Creek.

**FAMILY RETREAT:** The Family Retreat will be held August 25 - 27th at the William Black Lodge at Montreat.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

**Bible Study** - Every Wednesday at 11:00 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** - 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.

**Manna Community Market** - Fourth Friday of every month in the First Baptist Church parking lot from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

**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	\$83,200
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**BCPC Elders:** Mark Brannon, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Martha Rich, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan, Sammi Birchfield

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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.*