

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 14, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Drew Campbell

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 130

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.
People: We cry out, believing God hears us.
Leader: Come together and wait for God.
People: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.
Leader: Surely God's presence is with us now.
People: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast presence lifts our hearts.
Leader: Come, worship the Lord.
People: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 409 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our grieving, and God of our healing, God of our comings and goings, forgive us for abandoning you, for forgetting you have not abandoned us. We declare our faithfulness and then declare ourselves helpless. You stretch out your hand to save us, you provide your Spirit to sooth and sustain us, and yet we continue to tell ourselves that we are alone in our suffering. In our despair we turn inward instead of toward you. Remind us again that you sent us Jesus so that might be fully known. Enable us to lean into your embrace and seasons of uncertainty and times of sorrow with more hope than fear, empowered by your love, mercy and compassion. 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 READING Psalm 121

SECOND READING John 14: 15-27

MEDITATION AND TIME OF SHARING

ANTHEM

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, is God's promise living among us. He experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us—even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

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

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 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

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.*

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.

MALAWI MISSION: You are invited on May 17th to come hear a presentation from Frank VanMiddlesworth and Ann Edison about their time in Malawi. We will begin with a potluck at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. Frank and Ann plan to return to Malawi in August and will also share ways in which we can continue to support their work.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and a Celebration of the Life of Rachel Lackey will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 with a reception to follow. Anyone who would like to sing in the choir is invited to rehearse at 12:45 in the sanctuary.

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 - 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.

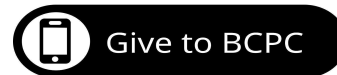
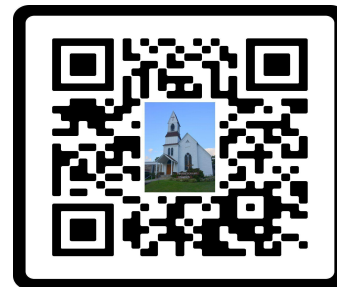
Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

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 Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and every Friday 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 | \$73,474 |
| Operating Expenses | \$54,771 |
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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.