

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The bonds of death could not hold Jesus.
People: We hid in fear, but now we are dancing in the streets.
Leader: Jesus is not in the tomb. Jesus is here with us.
**People: We were silent in fear, but now we are announcing,
"Christ is risen!"**
All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 238 *Thine is the Glory* MACCABEUS

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Source of our refuge and strength, as we enter your sanctuary you guide the way our footsteps should go. You protect us from paths that often imperil us; you shield us from situations we should not pursue. As we pause to ponder your bountiful goodness, may your comforting presence precede us this day. Hear our words of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your counsel and care. Amen.

*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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. 1 Peter 1: 3-9
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 19-31

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

SERMON *Come and See* Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From a Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: In life and death we belong to God.
People: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Leader: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
People: In sovereign love, God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
People: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

People: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

All: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

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 *I Need Thee Every Hour* LOWRY

*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.*

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*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRETAM

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 Worship is from "Connections, Worship Companion"
The Prayer of Praise and Adoration is from "When We Gather" by James G. Kirk

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Musicians: Frela Beck, Drew Campbell, and Ann Yaun

Elder of the Month: Dan Manley

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.

INSTALLATION SERVICE: On April 23rd, at the 11:00 service, a commission from The Presbytery of Western North Carolina will install Beth Newman as pastor of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church. Please plan to join us for this special occasion.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Church Retreat at William Black Lodge will be August 25th through the 27th. More details will be forthcoming.

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 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	\$56,111
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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.