

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Celebration* Gadd

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 99

Leader: O Lord you are a lover of justice,
People: **You seek equity and have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: We praise your great and awesome name,
People: **We come to worship you at your holy mountain.**
All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* HERRSCHER

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen.

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. 2 Peter 1: 16-21
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17: 1-9

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

SERMON *For Sure* Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Psalm 148* Patterson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our hope is God, our holy Parent, who makes all things and from whom all blessings flow. God's faithfulness is the anchor of our hope. Our trust is in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. More than a teacher, his life, death, and resurrection give meaning to our existence. Christ's faithfulness tethers us to holy mystery. Our trust is in the Holy Spirit. Blowing over and through creation, unexpected and untamed, The Spirit stirs forgiveness, fruitfulness, and creates families. The Spirit's faithfulness ties together past, present, and future. Holy Trinity, One God, we believe you transfigure our faith. 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 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* arr. Berry

*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 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLOAN

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 *Hallelujah, Amen* Handel

**Rise in body or spirit.*

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are by Roger Gench, Presbyterian Outlook
The Affirmation of Faith is by Rev. Julie Seymour

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman
Minister of Music: Rachel Lackey
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 Schoolers are invited to join in a lectionary discussion in the youth room at 10:00.

NURSERY: There will not be a nursery this week. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

LENT: The season of Lent here. This year we will be using the theme of *Bringing the Wilderness In*. Please join Beth after worship today to prepare liturgical art for the sanctuary. A light lunch will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY: On Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. we will begin the season of Lent with our traditional Ash Wednesday service. Please join us if you can for this simple service of ashes and communion.

MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Plans are being made for the August 11th - 13th Women's Conference. If you would like to attend the sign up sheet is in the narthex.

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.

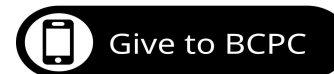
Crafting with Jackie - Every first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Manna Express - 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	\$20,286
Operating Expenses	\$18,434
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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.