

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 22, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Sing Praises to Your Name* MacAlmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear.
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
People: "Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, I do seek.
All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 839 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let your distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Christ Jesus who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. 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 Isaiah 9: 1-4

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4: 12-23

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

SERMON *Have Hope Will Follow* Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Sanctuary* Thompson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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 *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Traditional Spiritual

*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 761 *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

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.*

Cover Art: Ann Scull, from *Mustard Seeds*

Leading in worship today:
Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman
Minister of Music: Rev. Rachel Lackey
Elder of the Month: Collin Caldwell
Musicians: Frela Beck, Drew Campbell, George Evans

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 Sunday School with Amanda Caldwell leading discussion-based classes with videos from the Bible Project.

NURSERY: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

SESSION MEETING: There will be a Session Meeting after the worship service today.

GUEST PASTOR: Sunday, January 29th we will have a guest pastor, Rev. Margie Boyd Stansell, who has retired from active ministry and now lives in Black Mountain, NC.

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.

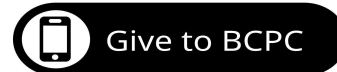
Crafting with Jackie - Every first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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	\$10,041
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,661
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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.