

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 8, 2023
Baptism of the Lord

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Laudation* Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

People: The servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

Leader: Both are true:

People: Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,

Leader: And our Savior is like a lamb.

People: Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all of who God is.

Leader: We worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 401 *Here In This Place* GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 Daily Change Offering

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42: 1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *One of Us* Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Hopson

*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 that God is among us in the community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

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 *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine* 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 479 *Ho, All Who Thirst* JACOB'S WELL

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 *We Are Called* arr. Shackley

**Rise in body or spirit.*

The Call to Worship is by Rose Schrott Taylon from Presbyterian Outlook. The Confession is from *The Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA). The Affirmation of faith is from *When We Gather*, by Bread for the World.

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Minister of Music: Rev. Rachel Lackey

Elder of the Month: Collin Caldwell

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.

DAILY CHANGE OFFERING: Daily Change Offering will be collected today.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting after worship today, January 8th, for the purposes of electing a new slate of elders, adjusting the quorum for congregational meetings from 50% to 30%, and to hold a meeting of the corporation to elect new officers. Please plan to stay after worship for this important meeting.

THANK YOU TO CONGREGATION: The BCPC staff would like to say thank you for the generous Love Offering.

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.

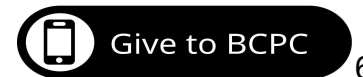
Crafting with Jackie - Every first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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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Excess/Deficit	\$2,330

BCPC Elders: Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Dawn Letterman, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan

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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.