

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 20, 2022
Reign of Christ Sunday

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Lamb

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake at the heart of the sea.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the most high.

People: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help when morning comes.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model of our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed and in spirit.

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.**

* 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 Jeremiah 23: 1-6

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 68-79

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

SERMON *Blessed Be* Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *Come, Let Us Sing and Give Thanks* arr. Nordmeyer

*A SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH I Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

SHARING OF THANKSGIVINGS

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.

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Thanksgiving Medley* arr. Horton

*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 712 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

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 *Now Thank We All Our God* Karg-Elert

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Minister of Music: Rev. Rachel Lackey

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 Sunday School has resumed 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.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE SUNDAY: Today is Stewardship Sunday. Please join us for a Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship service.

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER: Saturday, November 19th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a list on the hall bulletin board of items needed.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sunday, November 27th is the first Sunday of Advent.

POINSETTIAS: It is time to order Christmas Poinsettias in honor/memory of a loved one. Orders need to be in by Sunday, December 4th.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study - Cancelled Wednesday November 23rd but will resume Wednesday, November 30th 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 - There will not be a Session Meeting in November. The next one will be Sunday, December 11th 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.

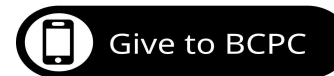
Crafting with Jackie - Every first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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	\$ 320

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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.