

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 30, 2022

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Martha Rich

PRELUDE

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

arr. Gadd

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through Moses, God said,

**People:** “Let my people go.”

Leader: In scripture the law declares:

**People:** “In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts.”

Leader: With grace, Jesus said:

**People:** Give one coat away.

Leader: With honesty Jesus taught,

**People:** “Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.”

Leader: Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free, dropping our nets, giving to others, and following

**People:** So in this hour of worship, may we release what binds us.

May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts, so that we can walk freely with God.

**All:** Let it be so. Amen.

\*HYMN 409

*God Is Here*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we admit to holding tight to that which we know and understand. We put you in a box to avoid the shades of gray that come with faith. We put worship in a box to avoid the discomfort of change. We put ourselves in boxes labeled with expectations and norms. We put others in boxes labeled “worthy” “unworthy”. We put all that we have in a box and pray that we won't run out. So in this moment, we confess to holding tight to fear, greed, and worldly structures. Forgive us for missing the point. Open our eyes to a new way—to holiness found in open boxes, unclenched fists, shades of gray and holy release. Gratefully, we pray. 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.

\* 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 15: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 19: 16-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Joyful, Joyful*

Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM

*The Gift of Love*

Hopson

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.**

## GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Surrender All*

arr. Weeden

\*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*

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## 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.*

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The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are by Sarah Are, *A Sanctified Art*

Leading in worship today:

**Transitional Pastor:** Rev. Beth Newman

**Minister of Music:** Rev. Rachel Lackey

**Elder of the Month:** Collin Caldwell

## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are worshiping 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.

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

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Informational mailings are going out to all members. *Our Money Story* books are available in a basket in the narthex.

**BAPTISM:** Today we are celebrating with Michael and Zuzana Montagne the sacrament of baptism of their child Monika Lillie Montagne.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT ON EVERETT STREET** Our children, youth, their family and friends (and anyone who wants to join in some Halloween fun) are invited to meet at the church on the 31st at 4:30 for trick-or-treating downtown. A spaghetti supper will be served in the fellowship hall at 6:00.

### 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.

**Session Meeting** - Every fourth Sunday of each month after worship service.

**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.

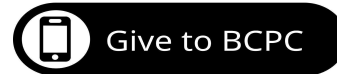
**Crafting with Jackie** - Every first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**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	\$114,194
Operating Expenses	\$109,636
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 4,558
Manse Donations	\$ 15,500
Manse Renovation Expense	\$ 20,283
Excess/Deficit	\$ (225)

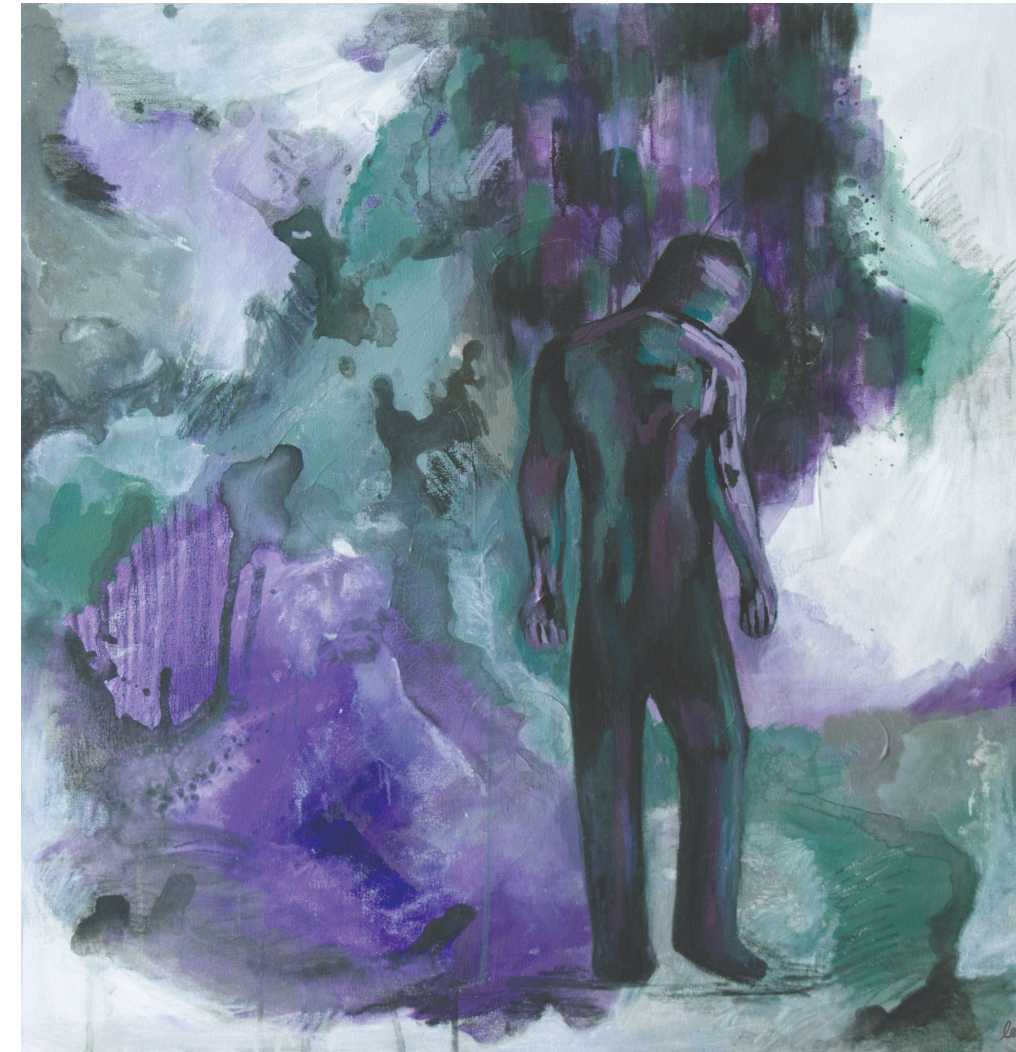
**BCPC Elders:** Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Dawn Letterman, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan

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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.*