

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
**September 26, 2021**

Welcome

Prelude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. Larson

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**People: And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: We turn to our Creator in praise and thanksgiving.

**People: We gather for Word and worship.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

From Psalm 19

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you have given us life itself and have asked us to be life-giving people in your name. But we, in turn, have cared more about ourselves and our comfort that we have than about your people in every place. Awaken us by your Spirit to fuller dimensions of faith. Lead us to find opportunities for love and service. Humble us with your truth and give us the courage we need to be doers and sharers of the gospel. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Time for the Child in Us All

First Scripture Reading

Mark 9: 38-41

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Selections from Esther 7 and 9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*For Such a Time as This*

Rev. Beth Newman

Musical Meditation

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

arr. Carlson

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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.**

Offertory

*Before the Throne of God*

arr. Shackley

Offertory Prayer

\*Sending

\*Choral Benediction

**May the love of God go with you from this place.**

**May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

\*Postlude

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

arr. Berry

\*Please stand if able

Leading in Worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Carol Sussman, Elder of the Month

# 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.*

## Announcements

### Congregational Meeting after worship today

We will hold a brief congregational meeting after worship to elect a new nominating committee. Jim Strickland and Karen Ledford have agreed to serve one more term, and session member, Drew Campbell, has agreed to serve as chair.

### Volunteers needed for Cruso lunch on Tuesday

BCPC will provide lunch for volunteers who are helping with disaster relief in Haywood County on Tuesday, September 28. We still need volunteers to help pack and transport meals. Sign up sheets are on the table at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

### YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$95,500
Expenses	\$97,954
Excess/Deficit	\$ (2,454)

### BCPC Elders

Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Dawn Letterman, Joan Parks, Carol Sussman

### BCPC Staff

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Beth Newman  
Minister of Music & Administrative Assistant– Rev. Rachel Lackey  
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