RIME Brookhaven Presbyterian Church October 5

## What is the chief end of man?

The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.
-Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 1

## What do we do when we go to church?

We come to church to experience God in a way we are not able to individually. When we gather to worship God at church, the body of Christ collectively experiences and gives worship to the God of the universe. We do this by hearing directly from God reading Scripture, speaking to Him by praying, worshiping Him by singing songs, receiving His love and grace through celebrating the Lord's Supper, and learning about Him by hearing the Word of God interpreted through the sermon. We may or may not feel anything different here, but we believe that whatever it is that we experience when we are at church is the closest thing we have to experiencing an encounter with the living God. We're glad you're joining us.

## We Will Feast In The House

Of Zion

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

-Revelation 21: 4

#### Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. "He has done great things," We will say together. We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up.

#### Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn, My soul be not afraid; For the promised morning, oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!

#### Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One; And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom.

#### Chorus

## Call To Worship

Isaiah 12: 2-4

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted."

#### I Found It All

Christ the reason for my living My very breath, my all in all Christ the source of my thanksgiving My salvation and my song

#### Chorus:

I found it all
I found it all in You
I found it all
I found it all in You
Everything I ever wanted
Everything I'll ever need
I found it all
I found it all in You
I found it all
I found it all in You

Christ the gift and Christ the giver The only one who satisfies Christ my friend and Christ my savior The only way, the truth, the life

#### Chorus

Your power in surrender
Your strength when I was weak
Your patience in the waiting
Provision for my needs
Your heart when mine was broken
Your will for my desire
Your peace within the chaos
Your presence in the fire
For love You laid it all down
You died and You were raised
Now I've received the freedom
Of new life beyond the grave

#### Chorus

King Of My Heart
"Your steadfast love, O'Lord, extends to
the heavens, your faithfulness to the
clouds. Your righteousness is like the
mountains of God; your judgments are
like the great deep; man and beast you
save, O'Lord. How precious is your
steadfast love, O'God! The children of
mankind take refuge in the shadow of
your wings."

Let the King of my heart, Be the mountain where I run The fountain I drink from, Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart, Be the shadow where I hide The ransom for my life,

-Psalm 36: 5-7

#### **Chorus:**

You are good, good, oh You are good, good, oh You are good, good, oh You are good, good, oh

Let the King of my heart, Be the wind inside my sails The anchor in the waves, Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart, Be the fire inside my veins The echo of my days, Oh He is my song

#### Chorus

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down

#### Chorus

## Welcome & Announcements

## Get Connected

The following are opportunities to connect with others in the church. If you are interested in more information, please email Beth Goss (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com).

**Community Groups:** Monthly gatherings for dinner and relational connection.

**Cohorts:** Groups that meet bi-monthly for the sake of exploring or growing in areas of similar interests or life circumstances.

**Discipleship Groups:** Small groups in which people are growing in their knowledge of Jesus in the context of meaningful community.

Leadership: The mechanism in which we are encouraging our people to invest in others as Christ has invested in us. For more information on the various leadership teams, please go to the BPC website (www.brookhavenpres.com/leadership).



## Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Matthew 6: 9-13

Children of all ages are welcome in the service at all times. Anyone going to class may do so now.

#### Sermon

## 1st Corinthians 12: 4-27

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would *Page 6* 

not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

## Supplemental Scripture References

#### 1st Corinthians 1: 1-2

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

#### 2nd Corinthians 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

#### 1st Thessalonians 1: 1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

#### 2nd Thessalonians 1: 1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

#### 1st Corinthians 3: 16

**16** Do you (plural) not know that you (plural) are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you (plural)?

## **Lord's Supper**

For Christians, the Lord's Supper is the most sacred thing we do all week. We believe as Presbyterians that though the bread and wine do not become the physical body and blood, nevertheless something mysterious and spiritual happens when we eat and drink by faith, so that we are spiritually nourished and our union with Christ and one another is signified and sealed. For that reason, anyone who is not a Christian and does not see this as sacramental may feel free to abstain, as we do not want to force you to do something with your body that is inconsistent with your heart. However, the Heidelberg Confession says that for those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, and yet trust that these are forgiven them, the Supper may help remind them that their weakness and sin is covered by the suffering and death of Christ. If you think your child is ready to go through confirmation and receive communion, please contact Blythe.

For anyone that may find it easier to remain seated during communion, single-use communion cups are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to ask any BPC member for assistance.

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

### Confession

Father, we acknowledge how easily we have failed to follow you this week. In your kindness, please show us the ways in which we have not treated others with respect, not loved well or were self-seeking in decisions that we made. We ask that you bring us to repentance in these areas. We long to be made more and more like Christ as you draw us closer to yourself. Help us to understand and fully live out what it means that we are a people who have been reconciled to you because of the work of Jesus on our behalf. Teach us to rest in the beauty of your love so that we can live as those who have hope instead of discouragement and despair.

#### Assurance of Pardon

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1: 13-14

## Prayer & Reflection

We encourage you to use the time before and after you receive communion to be still with God. For each of us this may look different, but you can use this time to read back over the scripture, reflect on God's love and forgiveness for you, sing along with the song or pray through the following prompts:

- -For God to give you deep rest in Him.
- -For God to give you a hunger to know and be with Him.
- -For God to show you how He wants you to respond to anything from the service today that convicted, encouraged, or compelled you to action.
- -For anyone in your life who may be struggling.

## Offering

An offering box is located on the left of the stage as an opportunity to give back to God. You may also donate online through Church Center.

## Communion Song

#### Little Things With Great Love

In the garden of our Savior No flower grows unseen. His kindness rains like water On every humble seed,. No simple act of mercy Escapes His watchful eye For there is One who sees me His hand is over mine

In the kingdom of the heavens No suffering is unknown. Each tear that falls is holy, Each breaking heart a throne. There is a song of beauty In every weeping eye, For there is One who knows me His heart, it breaks with mine.

O the deeds forgotten, O the works unseen. Every drink of water flowing graciously, Every tender mercy You're making glorious. This You have asked of us: Do little things with great love, Little things with great

At the table of our Savior No mouth will go unfed. And His children in the shadows Stream in and raise their heads. O give us ears to hear them, And give us eyes that see. For there is One who loves them. I am His hands and feet

### Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

-Galatians 2: 20

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Saviour He will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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### Benediction

Psalm 145: 8-9 8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. 9 He is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



Member Highlight: Steven Searcy

Sunday Night Worship

Infertility and Loss Support Group



Connect With Us: If you would like prayer for something specific, are new to the church, or would like to meet with a church leader, please text your information to 770-241-8131 or scan the QR code to fill out the contact card.

# UPCOMING DATES:

**Sun 10/5:** Sunday Night Worship at 7:00pm\* (*BPC - Sanctuary*) - \*Note the change in time!

Mon 10/6: Prayer for Sally Jordan at 9:00am (BPC - Room 101)

Wed 10/8: Infertility and Loss Support Group Dinner at 6:30pm (*Taqueria del Sol in Chamblee*)

**Thu 10/9:** Nights of the Roundtable at 7:00pm (*BPC - Gathering Space*)

**Sun 10/12:** Mid-Century Moderns Potluck Lunch at 11:30am (*BPC - Gathering Space*)

Please go to the BPC website or app to find out more details about the events above.

## HEAD LINES

## 1) Member Highlight: Steven Searcy

Steven Searcy, his wife, Kaitlin, and their 4 boys have been part of BPC from the very early days! Last year, Steven's book *Below the Brightness* was released and many of us here have enjoyed reading it. But in case you missed it, we wanted to make you aware and highly encourage you to check it out!

*Below the Brightness* is a collection of spiritual poetry that reflects on the tension between darkness and light. Steven uses imagery drawn from nature to explore how the spiritual life persists in a world that is flawed. The poems use both lament and celebration: they acknowledge human frailty, sin, longing, and grief, but also hope, praise, and the possibility of redemption.

You can find it on Amazon and various other bookstores!

## 2) Sunday Night Worship

Join us **TONIGHT** for our next monthly Sunday Night Worship service at **7:00pm.** (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.) There will be an extended time for worship through music and prayer, with more time for contemplation around the Lord's Supper and the reading of the Apostles Creed. There will also be people from the prayer team ready to pray for anyone in need of prayer. We hope that you will come and be encouraged!

## HEAD LINES

## 3) Infertility and Loss Support Group

If you are presently walking through the journey of infertility, secondary infertility, or miscarriage, BPC has a small group of women who meet monthly for dinner on the second Wednesday at Taqueria del Sol in Chamblee at 6:30pm. The goal of our time together is to build community with other women who understand the challenges of this season of life in a low-pressure environment with good food. Our next dinner is coming up on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30pm. Please reach out to CJ Thornton (carolhancock11@gmail.com) with any questions!