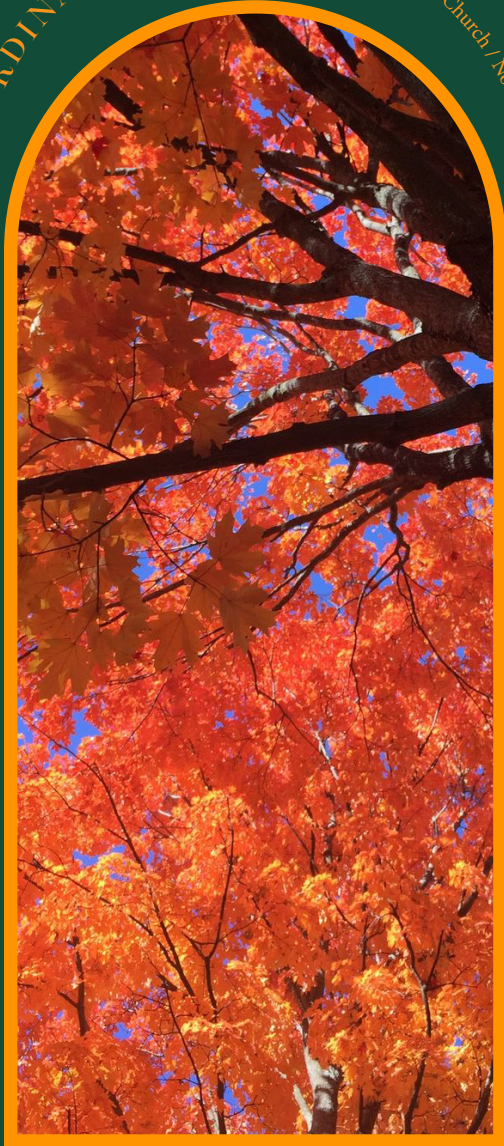


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What is the chief end of man?

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.

God Is So Good

No height or depth can separate
Your steadfast love we can't escape
Your faithfulness, an endless sea
So full of grace and mercy
We sing

Chorus:

*God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
He's so good to me*

Haunted by the past no more
My innocence has been restored
Forgiveness flows from Your veins
Your kindness shown in all Your ways
We sing

Chorus

There's never been anyone like You
There's never been anyone like...
You are worthy, You are worthy
Never been anyone like You
Never been anyone like You
You are worthy, You are worthy

Hope is rising like the sun
The old is gone, the new has come
I fix my eyes on Christ alone
My Rock, my Shield, my Cornerstone
We sing

Chorus

Call To Worship

Zephaniah 3: 17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a
mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over
you with gladness; he will quiet you by his
love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Great I Am

All throughout the ages
Your presence led the way
You are constant and unchanging
My God, my God

Chorus:

*You have been the lighthouse in the storm
You are still the voice I listen for
You will be the rock on which I stand
The Great I Am*

And all throughout my life
I have seen Your faithfulness
You are constant and unchanging
My God, my God

Chorus

You have been the refuge where I run
You are still my portion, my reward
You will be my victory in the end
The Great I Am

You're the greatest love I've ever known
You never fail, You won't let go
So let my life overflow
So all the world will know

Chorus

You have been the refuge where I run
You are still my portion, my reward
You will be my victory in the end
The Great I Am

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because a sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am,
The King of glory and of grace!

One in Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

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

Psalms 68: 4-6

- 4** Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the Lord;
exult before him!
- 5** Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
- 6** God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Ephesians 3: 14-19

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, **15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, **16** that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **19** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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, as we reflect on this past week, we do so with a sense of somberness. We recognize that during the busyness of life, we can at times go throughout our days giving very little thought to you. In some ways, we are simply trying to survive. We confess that during those times, we fall back on patterns of control and self-reliance rather than surrender and trust. Teach us to be a people that enjoy and delight in you in all seasons of our lives.

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

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

God The Fool

For the wounds that I've inflicted
For the wounds that I've received
I offer You my bitterness
I offer You my grief

For the trust that I have broken
For the lies that I have told
Forgive me God for giving
My heart away for gold

Like a merchant in Your temple
Selling sinners doves
You turn over my tables
With Your foolishness, oh God

I am a sly sidewinder
A brood of vipers in Your hand
You're an Appalachian preacher
Who I cannot withstand

I'm running for Your altar
I'm weeping on Your floor
I feel Your love inside my heart,
I wanna feel it more

You said be wise and gentle
Like the serpent and the dove
Only heeding half of Your own advice
Is Your foolishness, oh God

For the snow upon the mountain
Melting down into the sea
I will sit with You in silence
I will listen to You breathe

I will ask You all my questions
I will waste all Your precious time
You don't give the poet answers
So the poet gives You rhyme

What kind of mad man are You
Taking on the worst of odds
I'm chalking up my fortunes
To Your foolishness, oh God

You Have Redeemed My Soul

Chorus:

*You have redeemed my soul
From the pit of emptiness
You have redeemed my soul
From death, from death*

I was a hungry child
A dried up river
I was a burned out forest
And no one could do anything for me
But You put food in my body
Water in my dry bed
And to my blackened branches
You brought the springtime green of new life

Chorus

And nothing is impossible for You
And nothing is impossible for You

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.

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Spotlight on Promise686



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:

THIS WEEK:

Sun 11/16: Youth Group at 6:00pm (*BPC - Gym/Backyard*)

Sun 11/16: Working Moms Dinner at 7:00pm (*BPC - Gathering Space*)

Mon 11/17: Prayer for Sally Jordan at 9:00am (*BPC - Room 101*)

Tues 11/18: Prayer for Audrey Weeks at 8:30am (*BPC - Room 101*)

Fri 11/21: Church-wide Fast from Breakfast

Fri 11/21: Motherhood Unscripted Cohort at 9:30am

COMING UP:

Sun 11/23: Sunday School at 8:30am (*BPC - Gym*)

Sun 11/23: Prayer for Hope and Healing (*BPC - Room 101*)

SAVE THE DATE!

Sat 12/6: Church-wide Christmas Party at 7:30pm (*BPC*)

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

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1) Christmas at BPC

Saturday, December 6th: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 6th at 7:30pm. This is our adults-only party, and it is always a ton of fun! There will be a band playing and a food truck providing dessert.

Sunday, December 14th: POTLUCK BRUNCH + LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, December 14th, we are having our annual potluck brunch and Lessons and Carols. Lessons and Carols is a traditional Christmas worship service with a progression of Advent and Christmas scripture readings and Christmas hymns, songs, or carols in place of a sermon. It is quite suitable for elementary-aged students who can understand the readings, and for children (or adults) who don't like to listen to sermons. In that sense, it's not a service for children, but it is perhaps a bit more kid-friendly. As always, children are welcome in the service at all times, and parents can make the decision as to whether or not they would like their children to join for the service.

Details:

9:45 am: Children's Ministry classes open for drop off any any point for children ages 5 and under.

Please RSVP on the link found on the events page on the BPC app or website if you need childcare.

10:00am: Brunch - Bring a breakfast dish to share!

10:45am: Lessons and Carols Service begins

Sunday, December 21st: SUNDAY WORSHIP

We will have our worship service as normal at 10:00am. All Children's Ministry classes will be open.

Wednesday, December 24th: CHRISTMAS EVE

The service will be at 5:30pm. Children's Ministry classes will be open for children ages 3 and under.

Please RSVP on the link found on the events page on the BPC app or website if you need childcare.

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1) Christmas at BPC (*continued*)

Thursday, December 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY

Everyone is welcome for an abbreviated version of our Lessons and Carols service on Christmas morning at 10:00am. It will be kid-friendly with shorter readings and Christmas songs that many kids will know. There will not be childcare, but there will be donuts for the children (and adults) to enjoy during the service. Pajamas are welcome!

Sunday, December 28th - SUNDAY WORSHIP

We will have our worship service as normal at 10:00am. All Children's Ministry classes will be open.

2) Sunday School

If you have been around BPC for any amount of time, you probably know that Ken and Tammie Matlack are the ones you want to hear from about prayer! They will be leading our next Sunday School class on the topic of prayer. We will meet on November 23rd, December 7th, and December 14th at 8:30am in the gym. Please register on the BPC app or website if you need childcare.

3) Prayer for Audrey Weeks

Audrey Weeks has a big surgery on her airways coming up this week: Tuesday, November 18th. Please be praying for Audrey this week in several ways:

- For Audrey, Courtney, and Steven to all stay healthy before the surgery (and after!)

- For Courtney and Steven to experience God's presence especially when anxiety creeps in and that they would be able to trust Him as they wait during the long surgery

- For wisdom for the surgeons and that they will have confidence in their decisions during surgery

- For Audrey to have a smooth recovery

We are having a prayer time for Audrey the morning of her surgery. If you would like to join, we will meet at the church at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 18th in Room 101. Anyone that is able to make it is invited to join!

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4) Foster Care and Adoption: Spotlight on Promise686

For a number of years, BPC's Foster Care and Adoption Ministry has partnered with an organization called Promise686. Promise686's mission is to mobilize church communities to care for vulnerable children. They have provided our Foster Care and Adoption Ministry Team with coaching and resources for ministry building and sustaining. We also use the Promise686 care community model to support the fostering and adopting families in our church.

What is a care community for a fostering or adopting family?

Care Communities, or "care teams," are volunteer-led and provide a strong support system for foster & adoptive families. Caring for vulnerable children requires a big investment, and parents need the support of local community. Care Communities create the opportunity to serve at-risk kids and their families in practical, hands-on ways. By supporting foster and adoptive families, we have the opportunity to provide a healthier context for a child's transition into their new home. Ways to serve in a care community can include providing meals, babysitting, mentorship, tutoring, transportation and prayer.

In alignment with Promise686's inspirational verse, *Psalm 68:6: "God sets the lonely in families."* Care Communities provide a tangible way to give fostering and adopting families a larger network of "family" to support the vulnerable children they are caring for.

BPC currently has active Care Communities for four fostering families. If you'd like more information about how to get involved, email Allie London (allie.b.london@gmail.com) or Jessica Rines (jesicaleighrines@gmail.com). Please be praying for our fostering and adopting families!

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." -1st John 3:1