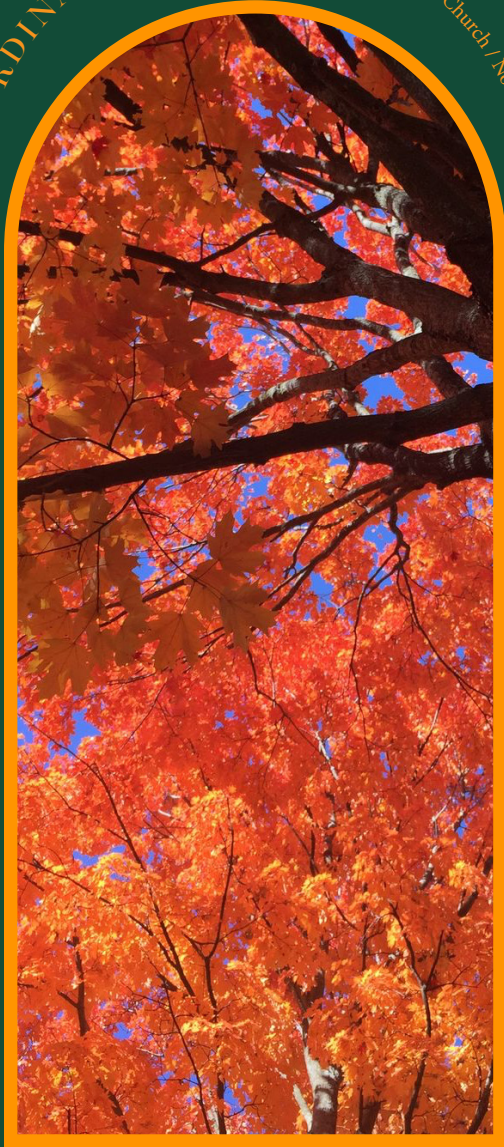


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What is the chief end of man?

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.

Backwards Kingdom

*For whoever would save his life will
lose it, but whoever loses his life for
my sake will find it.*

-Matthew 16: 25

Sometimes you gotta step into the river
Before the waters part
You gotta get out of that boat
Before you know if you can walk
Faith's a gamble on his faithful history
Cause if you wanna follow Jesus
You can't bet on what you see

Chorus:

Strength is weakness

Weakness is strength

Living is dying

Dying is gain

You get forgiveness by giving it away

When you save your life you lose it,

But when you lose it, you'll be saved

When you want to go to war

Send out the tambourines

Disorient the enemy

With the songs that you sing

We don't fight towards the flesh

And our weapons don't make sense

But if you want to follow Jesus

You make peace with foolishness

Chorus

Backwards kingdom

Backwards King

For your kingdom in need

Chorus

Call To Worship

Zephaniah 3: 17

Behold

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

-Revelation 21: 5

"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.

The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will dance forever

The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are my Redeemer

Chorus:

Behold, behold, behold

What love can do

Behold, behold

He's making all things new

The lost return, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake, the world awake
Creation all composing

The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are my Redeemer

Chorus

We've been struck down
We're not destroyed
We've sown in tears
We'll reap in joy

My eyes are open

Behold

Behold

Chorus

Build My Life

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

-Matthew 7: 24

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus:

*Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who
You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
You're worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Chorus

And I will build my life upon Your love,
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
And I will build my life upon Your love,
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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

Matthew 3: 1-3, 13-17

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, **2** “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” **3** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” **15** But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 4: 12-17

12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. **13** And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, **14** so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people dwelling in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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

Dimensions

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

-Ephesians 3: 17-18

Your eyes have never seen,
Your ears have never heard,
Your mind cannot conceive,
Your little heart will never quite learn

The dimensions of,
The dimensions of my love.

So wipe the tears away from your eyes,
And drive the fear away from your mind.
You have no idea how safe you really are.

Believe me when I say it's true,
I am coming back for you.
Baby if you only knew how soon, how soon.

Where I'm going you can't follow
Where I'm going you can't see
If I go then I will come back
Take you there to be with me
So do not let your hearts be troubled
Trust the Father and trust in me
And on His land I'll build our mansion
That where I am you will also be,
Where I am you will also be.

Christ Be Magnified

As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

-Philippians 1: 20

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear 'Christ be magnified!'

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear 'Christ be magnified!'

Chorus:

*O! Christ be magnified!
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O! Christ be magnified!
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me*

When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing 'Christ be magnified!'
O be lifted high, Jesus

Chorus

I won't bow to idols
I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings
I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation
Then I'll be crucified with You
'Cause death is just the doorway
Into resurrection life
And if I join You in Your suffering
Then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory
With all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing
And my song will be the same

Chorus

Benediction

Psalm

145: 8-9

Doxology

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.

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.

HEAD LINES

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Diaconal Highlight:
Community Assistance

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Christmas Party

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Stand Sunday



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 11/9: Youth Group at 6:00pm (*BPC - Gym/Backyard*)

Mon 11/10: Prayer for Sally Jordan at 9:00am (*BPC - Room 101*)

Wed 11/12: Infertility and Loss Support Group Dinner at 6:30pm
(*Taqueria del Sol in Chamblee*)

Sat 11/15: Mid-Century Moderns Social Dinner at 6:30pm (*Flanigan Home: 2826 Cravey Trail NE, Atlanta, GA 30345*)

COMING UP:

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

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

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

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.

HEAD LINES

1) Diaconal Highlight: Community Assistance

Community Assistance is our diaconal ministry to connect with those in the community who need assistance. Our heart for the community surrounding the church is outlined well by the book *Becoming Whole*, which discusses caring for the whole person by recognizing our collective need for restoration of relationship with God, self, others, and creation.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"
-Matthew 25: 35, 40

Our team seeks to build relationships and care for others in a multitude of ways. Traditionally, our team has focused on needs for food, clothing, transportation, and housing. This past year we introduced a food pantry & clothes closet and want to thank the church for the gracious donations to assist those in our community.

What We Do:

We connect with people through our Community Assistance phone number and direct people to meet with us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. After we hear a bit about their story, we pray with them and invite them to worship with us. We evaluate if we can assist by connecting with a service or ministry in our city, providing clothing/food from our clothes closet & food pantry, providing Kroger cards or Marta cards, or providing situational support.

How the church can be involved:

- Welcome anyone and everyone who walks in our door as a fellow image bearer.
- For any solicitations, please direct people to the Community Assistance team.
- Pray for both our team and those we interact with – that we would be loving, compassionate, Spirit-led in our efforts to connect and care for the community.
- Continue to donate to our clothes closet & food pantry by scanning the below QR code.



HEAD LINES

2) 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. We hope you can join us!

3) Stand Sunday

The Foster Care and Adoption Team here at BPC advocates for the foster and adoptive families in our church throughout the year, but this week we want to specifically highlight and acknowledge “Stand Sunday,” which is being observed today in churches across the nation. Stand Sunday is also known by some organizations as “Pure Religion Sunday,” in reference to James 1:27 which says *“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”* The purpose behind this day is remind us of our call as the church to pause, stand, and take action on behalf of vulnerable children and engage deeply in adoption, foster care, global orphan care, and wrap-around family support.

November is also National Adoption Month. Our Foster Care and Adoption Team verse is from 1st John 3:1 which says *“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”* We celebrate the ways in which adoption - whether domestic or international, private or through the foster care system - redeems a broken situation in a way that mirrors God’s adoption of us into His eternal family.

Although each one of us is not necessarily called to foster or adopt, we can all be involved in supporting families and advocating for vulnerable children in our community. If you’d like to learn more about ways to be involved in foster care and adoption, reach out to Jessica Rines at jessicaleighrines@gmail.com.