

ORDINARY TIME Brookhaven Presbyterian Church / August 24



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.

I Don't Have Much

How can I respond
To the love that You have lavished on me?
How can I respond
To the love that You have lavished on me?
How can I respond
To the love that You have lavished on me?
How can I respond
To the love that You have lavished on me?

Chorus:

*I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You
I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You*

Every part of me
Wants to love You like You've loved me,
Lord Every part of me
Wants to love You like
You've loved me, my Lord

Chorus

I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You
I have a life I'll give to You
I have a life I'll give to You
I have a life I'll give to You
I have a life I'll give to You

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."

Build My Life

"Therefore everyone who hears
these words of mine and puts them
into practice is 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

Psalm 116

"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live."

Psalm 116: 1-2

I love you, Lord,
For you have delivered me
I love you, Lord,
For you have delivered

Chorus:

*My soul from death,
My feet from stumbling;
I will walk
In the land of the living
My soul from death,
My feet from stumbling;
I will walk in the
Land of the living*

I love you, Lord,
For you have delivered me
I love you, Lord,
For you have delivered

Chorus

I will bless You, Lord
For you heard my cry
I reached out my hand
And You saved my life
I will bless You, Lord
For You heard my plea
And the God of Heaven
Turned His ear to me
I will bless You, Lord
For unending love
For Your grace and mercy
Raining down from above
And I will bless You, Lord
To the very end
I will call on You
As long as I may live

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

Galatians 1: 1-5

1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **2** and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Acts 26: 1-23

1 So Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

2 “I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, **3** especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 “My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. **5** They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. **6** And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, **7** to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! **8** Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

9 “I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **10** And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. **11** And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

12 “In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. **13** At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. **14** And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ **15** And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. **16** But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, **17** delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you **18** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

19 “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, **20** but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. **21** For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. **22** To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: **23** that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

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.

A Liturgy for Communion

Isaiah 55: 1-3, 6-7

Leader:

Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

All:

Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
And your labor for that
which does not satisfy?

Leader:

Listen diligently to me, says the Lord,
and eat what is good,
And delight yourself in the richest of food

All:

Incline your ear, and come to me;
Hear, that your soul may live;
And I will make with
you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love.

Leader:

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near.

All:

Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord,
that he may have compassion on him.

Prayer and 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 basket 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

Belly Of A Whale

I could dive into the ocean
 Into the bottom of a glass
 I could hide out in the future
 I could burrow in the past
 But you cannot resist your tendency
 To save me from myself
 And I am living on your mercy
 In the belly of a whale

I have done some things I'm proud of
 And so many I am not
 Some vows I remembered
 And others I forgot
 But you cannot resist your habit of
 Forgetting how I've failed
 And I am living on your memory
 In the belly of a whale

Maybe time will make me humble
 And love will make me pure
 Til you spit me out at last
 Onto a distant shore
 And I'll open up my eyes to see
 The world beyond the veil
 For now I'm living on your promise
 In the belly of a whale

I'll open up my eyes to see
 The world beyond the veil
 For now I'm living on your promise
 In the belly of a whale

Give Thanks To God

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he
is good; his love endures
forever."

Psalms 107:1

He sent His son to die,
and rise again to save us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He's broken our chains and given us freedom
Give thanks to God for He is good

In Him we are alive and have joy everlasting
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He casts out all fear and fills us with courage
Give thanks to God for He is good

When storms come and rage
His peace overwhelms us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
The Lord is our refuge
when trouble surrounds us
Give thanks to God for He is good
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He's always pouring out
His abundant provision
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
For the depths of

His riches and incredible wisdom
Give thanks to God for He is good
Give thanks to God for He is good

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Benediction

Psalms
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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and Evening Services on
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Faith and Science



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 8/24: Youth Group Kick-Off at 6:00pm (*BPC Gym & Backyard*)

Sun 8/24: Mid-Century Moderns Dinner at 7:00pm (*Marlow's
Tavern in Brookhaven*)

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

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1) Worship Sunday: Morning and Evening Services on September 7th

Our Sunday Night Worship Service is a unique opportunity to set aside the noise of daily life and lean fully into an atmosphere of reflection, prayer, and heartfelt praise. But we also know that Sunday nights can be difficult timing-wise for many of you. Because of that, we are excited to bring back the elements of Sunday Night Worship to both the morning and evening services on Sunday, September 7th. The service will be the same in the morning and the evening (10:00am and 7:30pm). Please pick the time that works best for you!

All Children's Ministry Classrooms will be open from the beginning of the morning service on September 7th. Registration for childcare for the evening service can be found in this week's Wednesday Update and on the Events page on the BPC app and website.

2) BPC Foster Home Update

Sometimes in the chaos of everyday life, we have to intentionally pause to see the way that God is moving and answering our prayers. Other times, God's work is so obvious it nearly smacks us in the face. The Foster Care team at BPC has felt both ways about the BPC Foster Home project that has been in the works over the past 5+ years, and this weekend, a long-term dream of many leaders here at BPC officially became a reality as foster mom, Ashley, moved into the home next door to the church on Friday afternoon with her adopted son. This is definitely a smack-you-in-the-face answer to prayer moment for lots of people in our church, and we want to celebrate it collectively as a congregation!

Please join us in praying for and with Ashley and her son as they navigate the transition of moving into a new home and prayerfully consider adding another placement to their home and family dynamic in the near future.

We are currently working to stock Ashley's freezer with meals to ease the chaos of moving into a new home. You can find her current meal train link in the Wednesday Update. Additionally, over the next few weeks, BPC's Foster Care and Adoption leadership team will be working to set up an official BPC Care Team to provide ongoing tangible support to Ashley. The care team will serve Ashley through things like: folding and putting away laundry, providing meals or assisting with meal prep, babysitting her kid(s) while she attends a weekly workout class, and more. Finally, we

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would love to identify 1-2 families or couples in our congregation who would like to be certified as respite caregivers to provide extended (3+ night) overnight care to foster children placed in Ashley's home. If serving on Ashley's care team or learning more about becoming a licensed respite home interests you, we encourage you to reach out to our Foster Care and Adoption Team leader, Jessica Rines, at jesicaleighrines@gmail.com.

3) Cohort Highlight: Motherhood Unscripted

Parenting at all stages can be an incredible blessing and incredibly challenging all at the same time. Add in the unexpected journey of raising children with disabilities or complex needs, and life can feel isolating or lonely at times. Beginning this fall, we are re-starting a group called Motherhood Unscripted for the purpose of being able to connect with other moms who understand these unique challenges. This cohort will meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays each month at 9:30am starting on September 5th. Sarah Cashwell (sarahcashwell@gmail.com) and Robyn Kerns (robynkerns@gmail.com) will be leading and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this group.

If you would like to joining the Motherhood Unscripted Cohort or any of our other groups forming this fall, please use this QR code to sign-up!



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4) Cohort Highlight: Faith and Science

Our Faith and Science Cohort is one of the new cohorts starting this year! We plan to talk about faith and science, and how the two connect. We will explore how they both shape how we see the world. If this is something that you are interested in or have questions about, please reach out to Sarah Duffy (sarahduffy22@gmail.com).