

EPIPHANY Brookhaven Presbyterian Church / Jan 18



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*

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.

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.

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!

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.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
A-aand from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

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Call To Worship

Zephaniah 3: 17

*Everything's In
Your Hands*

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.

Chorus:

*This is the heart of living,
Give and it will be given
Everything's in your hands,
Everything's in your hands, Lord
This is law of loving,
Give and I'll want for nothing
Everything's in your hands,
Everything's in your hands, Lord*

I don't wanna hold on too tight
Even to the good things in my life
What I put in your hands I can never lose
Cause everything Lord belongs to you

Chorus:

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Even to the good things in my life
What I put in your hands I can never lose
Cause everything Lord belongs to you

Chorus:

I surrender all, surrender all
All to you

Chorus:

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow
There is Beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning
With a love that cast out fears.
You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
And beyond our understanding
Your teaching us to trust

Chorus:

*You plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're Faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are Sovereign Over us*

You are wisdom unimagined,
Who could understand your ways
Reigning high above the heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the Lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me,
Your promises are my delight

Chorus:

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You Turn it for our good
and for your glory

Even in the valley you are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
and for your glory

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

Galatians 2:15-16 / Galatians 3:19-25 / Galatians 4:1-7, 21-28, 5:1

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; **16** yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. **20** Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. **22** But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. **24** So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. **25** But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, **2** but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.**3** In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. **4** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**6** And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" **7** So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. **23** But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. **24** Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar.**25** Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.**26** But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.**27** For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;

break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more

than those of the one who has a husband."

28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.**29** But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. **30** But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." **31** So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**

Psalm 51:1-4

Assurance of Pardon

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

(1 Timothy 1:15)

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

In The Meantime

Hey ba-a-by,
do you remember when I told you
I wouldn't give you more
than you could hold?
I wasn't lying,
I wasn't lying to you baby.
I'm the one in control,
you're the one that I'm holding,
I'll take your burdens on my shoulders
and carry us on.

And in time, I'll let you in on
everything I'm planning.
When it's time, I'll let you see
everything you're asking me.
When it's time, you will know why there
are things I'm hiding from you.
But I'm gonna satisfy
everything in the meantime.

Hey ba-a-by, do you remember when I said
that I would give you more than you
could ever ask or imagine?
I wasn't playing,
I wasn't playing with you baby.
I'm the one in control,
you're the one that I'm holding,
I'll take your burdens on my shoulders
and carry us on.

And in time, I'll let you in on
everything I'm planning.
When it's time, I'll let you see
everything you're asking me.
When it's time, you will know why there
are things I'm hiding from you.
But I'm gonna satisfy
everything in the meantime.

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 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
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 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
You have been the refuge where I run
You are still my portion, my reward
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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.

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Newcomers Lunch



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:

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Sun 1/25: Working Mom's Cohort at 7:00pm (BPC - Gathering Space)

Sun 1/25: Mid Century Moderns Dinner at 7:00 (Marlows in Brookhaven)

Fri 1/30: Motherhood Unscripted from 9:30-11:30 (email Robyn Kerns for more details: robynkerns@gmail.com)

Sat 1/31: Membership Class 1 from 9:30am-12:00pm (BPC - Room 204)

Sun 2/1: Parenting Equipping Class: How to Sit with Your Kids in the Service from 8:45-9:45 (BPC - Room 204)

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

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1) Adult Catechism

As you think about your own spiritual formation over the next year or two or three, we want to walk alongside you. We have developed a tool, or more so a roadmap, to help you think through a game plan for your spiritual growth this year. Much, if not most, of your spiritual growth is going to happen naturally as God works through his Holy Spirit in you to respond to life as it comes through the fruit of the spirit. At the same time, we encourage you to be intentional in thinking for yourself and your own spiritual growth. We invite you to take the first step by spending time reading through our Adult Catechism brochure. Once you do that, please fill out our self-diagnostic survey and your own personal plan for 2026 which can be found by using the following QR code. If you have any questions on any of this, please reach out to Beth.



2) Working Mom's Cohort

Working moms of all ages and stages within our church, from first-time expecting mothers to empty nesters are invited to join us for our Working Moms' social gatherings. There's no commitment required.

Our next gathering is on January 25 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Gathering Space at BPC. Dinner will be catered; BYOB. Please RSVP in advance on the BPC app or website.

Save the dates for our last gathering of the ministry year: March 22,

As a reminder, cohorts are groups that meeting meet for the sake of exploring or growing in areas of similar interests of life circumstances. Depending on the type of cohort, some will study scripture or read a book related to the topic of the shared interest. If you want to hear more about the various cohorts that are offered, please email Beth (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com).

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3) Book Review: Ken Webb

“Your wait time is approximately 5 minutes.” That is what the automated operator said when I was calling to change an appointment. Five minutes! Is 5 minutes too long to wait? No one wants to wait as it is always seen in today’s culture as a negative. In a world where convenience and speed are the order of the day, we work hard to avoid waiting. But this book, *Waiting isn’t a Waste* by Mark Vroegop, leads the reader to a Biblical understanding of waiting. It is an engaging book with chapter questions and appendixes that provide verses for the reader. It is well suited for a group study.

There are many verses in the Bible that talk about waiting on the Lord. If we remove the stigma of waiting in our culture today and wade into this book as it provides us the opportunity to investigate God’s design for waiting. That process is centered around the book’s thematic statement of “Waiting on God is living on what I know to be true about God when I don’t know what’s true about my life.” We are to see waiting, for years, months, or for 5 minutes, as an opportunity to not focus on us, our circumstances or needs but to focus on God. This book assists the reader to intentionally practice, think and pray during the times we are waiting. The entirety of the Christian life involves waiting. That is part of God’s design as all Christians, together, eagerly wait for the return of Christ.

4) Newcomers Lunch

If you are new to BPC within the last six to nine months, we would love to have you join us for our Newcomers Lunch coming up in a few weeks! It is a great way to meet some of our staff, get to know a few other new folks, and hear a little about who we are as a church. Children are welcome. We will meet right after the service in February 8th Room 204. Please RSVP on the events page of the BPC app or website.