

ORDINARY TIME Brookhaven Presbyterian Church / Oct 4



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

Psalms 95: 1-3

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let
us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation! **2** Let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise
to him with songs of praise! **3** For the Lord is
a great God, and a great King above all gods.

This Is The Day

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

-Psalm 118: 24

Always true
Always kind
God is good
All the time
Start of day
Dark of night
God is good
All the time
All the time

Chorus:

*This is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it*

Valley low
Mountain high
God is good
All the time
Through it all
Death and life
God is good
All the time
All the time

Chorus

So come what may
It is well with me
Storms may rage
It is well with me
Still I will praise
It is well within my soul
It is well within my soul

Chorus

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't
Stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made
new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within
our midst? (It is)

Is He Worthy / Angus Dei

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

-Revelation 5: 12

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? (He is)

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? (He is)

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Hallelujah
Holy Holy, Are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy
Holy Are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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).

A. Connections Groups: Monthly or quarterly gatherings for relational connection.

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

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

D. Serving on 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/serve).

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 (NIV)

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

Sermon

Psalms 72

- 1 Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
- 2 May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
- 4 May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
- 6 May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

- 8** May he rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9** May the desert tribes bow before him
and his enemies lick the dust.
- 10** May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
bring tribute to him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.
- 11** May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.
- 12** For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.
- 13** He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.
- 14** He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15** Long may he live!
May gold from Sheba be given him.
May people ever pray for him
and bless him all day long.
- 16** May grain abound throughout the land;
on the tops of the hills may it sway.
May the crops flourish like Lebanon
and thrive like the grass of the field.
- 17** May his name endure forever;
may it continue as long as the sun.

Then all nations will be blessed through him,
and they will call him blessed.
- 18** Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.
- 19** Praise be to his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen.
- 20** This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

Notes

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 Catechism says that for those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, and yet trust that they are forgiven, the Supper is a sign and reminder of the unconditional love of God for them, and that their weakness and sin are covered by the suffering and death of Christ.

If this is where you find yourself, we invite you to come forward to participate in the supper. When the music starts, please go to the center aisle of the section where you are sitting and return on the outside aisle of your section. When you come forward, please take a gluten-free cracker and dip it into the white grape juice or red wine. For anyone who may find it easier to remain seated during communion, single-use communion cups are available on the table in the front right of the sanctuary. Please feel free to ask any BPC member for assistance. If you think your child is ready to go through confirmation and receive communion, please contact Blythe Coker, Director of Youth Ministry (blythe.coker@brookhavenpres.com).

Whether you are coming forward to participate in the Lord's Supper or choose to abstain, we have people in the front corners of the church who would love to pray for you.

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

Almighty God, we confess that while you
love us, we do not love you fully. You call, but
we do not always listen. We often walk away
from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own
concerns. God of grace, help us to examine
our hearts that we may be quick to repent of
our sin, and quick to know the depth of your
grace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ
our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance

For as high as the heavens are above the
earth, so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him; as far as the east is
from the west, so far does he remove our
transgressions from us.

-Psalm 103: 11-12

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

How Precious Your Presence To Me

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

-Lamentations 3: 22-23

Jesus how precious
Your presence
Every morning I wake
You pour out new mercies
From Heaven
Oh Your love
It leads me to say

Chorus:

*Holy, Worthy
My heart beats
For You only
All I want all I need
How precious
Your presence to me*

Jesus how precious Your presence
Every hour of the day
You walk with me just
Like You promised
Oh I'm sure You're
With me always

Chorus

Jesus how precious Your presence
Every evening the same
You lead me to rest
When I'm restless
And tomorrow all over again

Chorus

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

*From Revelation
21:5 and 22: 20*

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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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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 - OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

Sun, October 4th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Mon, October 5th: Creative Cohort from 7:30-9:00pm (Location TBD)

Sun, October 11th: Sunday School: Worship at 8:30am (BPC - Room 204)

Sun, October 11th: Kids Church Open Gym at 9:30am (BPC - Gym)

Mon, October 12th: Creative Cohort from 7:30-9:00pm (Location TBD)

Sat, October 17th: BPC Housing Landscaping Workday from 9:45am-1:00pm
(Meet at BPC!)

Sun, October 18th: Sunday School: Worship at 8:30am (BPC - Room 204)

Sun, October 18th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Sun, October 18th: Working Moms Social at 7:00pm (Newk's in Town
Brookhaven)

Mon, October 19th: Creative Cohort from 7:30-9:00pm (Location TBD)

Thurs, October 22nd: Ladies Night at 7:30pm (BPC - Gathering Space)

Fri, October 23rd: Motherhood Unscripted at 10:00am (Location TBD)

Sun, October 25th: Prayer for Hope and Healing at 9:00am (BPC - Room 101)

Sun, October 25th: Church-wide Meeting - Renovation Updates at 11:30am
(BPC - Sanctuary)

Sun, October 25th: Youth Group - Pumplympics at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym &
Backyard)

Sun, October 25th: Mid-Century Moderns Dinner at 7:00pm (Marlow's Tavern
in Town Brookhaven)

Mon, October 26th: Creative Cohort from 7:30-9:00pm (Location TBD)

Tues, October 27th: Session Meeting from 7:30-9:30pm (BPC - Room 204)

***You can find all the details and any relevant registrations for
each of these events on the Events page on the BPC app or
website!***

1) PRAYING THROUGH OUR CHURCH VALUES: RENEWAL

For the last several years, at the start of each new ministry year, we have prayed through the values of our church: Generosity, **Renewal**, Incarnation, and Prayer.

For this week, we will be praying through our final value of **Renewal**.

Through **Renewal**, we long to be a people who relinquish our lives to Christ as he is making us new so that we are able to participate with him in making all things new

Pray with us as we long for the following list to be a reflection of who we are as we seek to embody the value of **Renewal**:

We rely on grace when we come to the end of ourselves.

We practice humility and repentance towards God and others.

We bear witness to Jesus in our community through our faithful presence.

We pursue wholeness in our community through ministries of mercy [foster care, adoption, housing, etc.]

2) WORKING MOMS SOCIAL

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 Socials. There's no commitment required.

Our next gathering is on Sunday, October 18th at 7:00pm at Newks in Town Brookhaven. Please email Amy Anne Turnage with any questions (amyanneturnage@gmail.com).

3) MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: PASTOR OSMAY ORTIZ GARCIA

Pastor Osmay Ortiz Garcia serves at one of the Los Pinos Nuevos network of churches in Havana, Cuba. It is a young congregation planted in a community facing significant poverty and social challenges. The church began from a local family's dream and, under Pastor Osmay's leadership, has developed youth and service ministries.

Their ministry comes during an especially difficult season in Cuba. The country is experiencing a severe economic and humanitarian crisis. In September, Cuba suffered another nationwide electrical-grid collapse, amid continuing fuel shortages, prolonged blackouts, water disruptions, and shortages of food and medicine. These pressures make everyday life - and ministry - particularly challenging.

Please pray:

- for Pastor Osmay's strength and encouragement;
- for the children, youth, and families they serve;
- for reliable food, water, medicine, fuel, and electricity;
- and that God would use this church to bring hope and the love of Christ to its community.

4) BPC HOUSING LANDSCAPING WORKDAY

VOLUNTEERS:

After 2 successful workdays cleaning up our newest BPC Housing property, we are ready to begin landscaping! Our goal is to have at least 10 volunteers join us on Saturday, October 17th, 2026 from 10:00am*-1:00pm as we beautify the property!

*We will meet at the church at 9:45am and then head to the property together (3 min drive from church).

NOTE: All volunteers should plan to bring your own gardening gloves, water, bug spray, and sunscreen.

Volunteer registration can be found in the Wednesday Update and on the Events page of the BPC app and website (or scan the top QR code).

DONATIONS:

If you are unable to join us for the landscaping project but still wish to contribute, we are collecting donations of landscaping supplies, plants, and tools, which you can sign up for on Sign-Up Genius (scan bottom QR code). Donations can be dropped off day-of at 9:30am.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Jones at bpchousing@brookhavenpres.com.



5) SUNDAY SCHOOL: WORSHIP

Why do Christians worship, and why do we worship the way we do? In this two-part Sunday School class taught by Stefan Cashwell, BPC's Director of Worship and Design, we'll explore the biblical meaning of worship and uncover the purpose behind the songs, prayers, Scripture, sacraments, and rhythms of our Sunday gathering. Come discover how worship forms us and draws us more deeply into relationship with God.

We will meet on Sundays, October 11th and 18th from 8:30-9:45am in Room 204.

You can RSVP and register for childcare by scanning the QR code.

