ORDINARY TIME

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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.

Canvas And Clay

"But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
-Isaiah 64: 8

In my mother's womb
You formed me with Your hands
Known and loved by You
Before I took a breath

When I doubt it, Lord, remind me
I'm wonderfully made
You're an artist and a potter
I'm the canvas and the clay

You make all things work together
For my future and for my good
You make all things work together
For Your glory and for Your name

There's a healing light
Just beyond the clouds
Though I've walked through fire
I see clearly now

I know nothing has been wasted
No failure or mistake
You're an artist and a potter
I'm the canvas and the clay

You make all things work together
For my future and for my good
You make all things work together
For Your glory and for Your name

You're not finished with me
You're not finished with me yet
You're not finished with me
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Call To Worship

Psalm 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.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
–Psalm 148: 2–3

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening, find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bless The Lord At All Times

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
–Psalm 34: 1

God You met me in my doubt
Turned my anxious thoughts around
Let Your praise be in my mouth
My whole life
My whole life

Open up my eyes to see
Perfect love moving towards me
You have shown up faithfully
My whole life
My whole life

Chorus:
I will bless the Lord
At all times at all times
My soul will sing of Your love
At all times at all times

You've got the whole world in Your hands
So I surrender to Your plans
You've been a father and a friend
My whole life
My whole life

You're resurrecting buried dreams
Waking up the dead in me
We've been making history
My whole life
My whole life

Chorus

With every breath I breathe in
I give it back in praise
Lord I will keep on singing
For all of my days
For all of my days

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).

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

Mark 5: 21-43

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. **22** Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. **23** He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." **24** So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. **25** And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. **26** She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." **29** Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **33** Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. **38** When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. **39** He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." **40** But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. **41** He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). **42** Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. **43** He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Gracious God, we confess that we often focus on creating a world that benefits us. We hold tightly to anything we can control, hoping to make our lives comfortable and easy. We ask that you forgive our lack of faith and our unwillingness to trust in your plan. In your kindness, please bring us repentance. Teach us to trust that You are the author of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
-Lamentations 3:22-23

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

Carbon Ribs

So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.
-2nd Samuel 9: 13

A thousand pairs of fiery eyes
Burn like a serpent down the Highway 5
As the long amber tail to Los Angeles unwinds

I've got this resurrection down in side my skin
But for all my revelating
I just can't make sense
Of this gravity we're in

Cause I'm a dead man now
With a ghost who lives
Within the confines of
These carbon ribs
And one day when I'm free
I will sit
The cripple at your table
The cripple by your side

A thousand miles of pain I'm sure
Led you to the threshold
Of my heart's screen door
To tell me what it is I'm dying for

Gravity comes
Like a cold cold rain
To lead me to the rope again
But someone is standing in my place

Cause I'm a dead man now
With a ghost who lives

Within the confines of
These carbon ribs
And one day when I'm free
I will sit
The cripple at your table
The cripple by your side
The cripple at your table
The cripple by your side

And I sit beside you
And I sit beside you
And I sit beside you
And I sit beside you

Jesus Paid It All

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. -1st Peter 2: 24

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

Chorus:
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

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.

HEADLINES

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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PARENT EQUIPPING CLASS

3)

ADOPTION PANEL & COFFEE

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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND

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 - NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Thurs, November 5th: Diaconate Board Meeting at 7:15pm (BPC - Room 100)

Fri, November 6th: Membership Weekend Class 2 from 7:00-9:30pm (BPC - Room 204)

Sat, November 7th: Membership Weekend Class 1 from 9:00am-12:00pm (BPC - Room 204)

Sun, November 8th: Parent Equipping - How to Sit with Your Kids During the Service at 8:30am (BPC - Room 204)

Sun, November 8th: Newcomers Coffee at 9:15am (BPC - Gathering Space)

Sun, November 8th: Youth Group from 6:00-8:00pm (BPC - Gym and Backyard)

Sun, November 15th: Adoption Panel & Coffee at 8:30am (BPC - Room 204)

Sun, November 15th: Motherhood Unscripted Lunch after church 11:30am-1:00pm - (Location TBD)

Sun, November 15th: Youth Group from 6:00-8:00pm (BPC - Gym and Backyard)

Sun, November 29th: Prayer for Hope and Healing at 9:00am (BPC - Room 101)

Sun, November 29th: Mid-Century Moderns Dinner at 7:00pm (Marlow's Tavern)

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) CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The goal of the Congregation Care team is to glorify God by pursuing and serving the needs of our congregation. This team is composed of leaders who aim to walk alongside anyone in our church who may need a bit of extra help. This can be as simple as needing a ride in the middle of the week or brief childcare on a Sunday morning to long-term care teams.

Often these needs are met by the members of the Congregational Care team. However, there may be times when more specialized help is needed or even just more hands on deck. If you would be willing to periodically help meet congregational needs (without joining the Congregational Care team), scan the QR code below and complete a brief survey to be added to a database that we can use as needs arise.

If you would like to join the Congregational Care leadership team, please reach out to Beth (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com) for more information.

2) PARENT EQUIPPING CLASS **HOW TO SIT WITH YOUR KIDS IN THE SERVICE**

Help! My kids are bored in service…and I am, too? Are your kids bored at church? Are you tired of the Sunday morning struggle to convince your kids to want to come to church? Parents are invited to join Blythe, BPC Youth Director, as she guides a discussion to help parents support their kids transitioning from Kids Church to sitting in the service. This class will give parents space to reflect on what's happening in their own hearts as their kids make this move and will provide practical tools to model engagement with the sermon and worship. Let's talk about what's realistic for ourselves and our kids!

This class is on Sunday, November 8th from 8:30am-9:45am in Room 204. Please RSVP and register for childcare by scanning the QR code.

3) ADOPTION PANEL & COFFEE

November is Adoption Awareness Month, and the Foster Care and Adoption Ministry team wants to celebrate all the ways that adoption has impacted our congregation. Join us for coffee and donuts as we hear from a panel of adoptive parents and an adult adoptee from BPC. Our panelists will answer questions about how they initially experienced the call to adopt, unexpected challenges they have faced throughout the adoption and post-adoption process, and where they've seen God at work in their family's adoption story.

This event is **not** an info session for adoption and is not exclusive to those who may be interested in adopting in the future (although of course we encourage any prospective adoptive parents to attend). It is open to anyone in our congregation who simply wants to learn more about adoption and hear adoption stories firsthand! We hope you will join us! We will meet in Room 204 at 8:30am on Sunday, November 15th. RSVP and register for childcare by scanning the QR code.

4) NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND

Our next Membership Weekend is coming up soon on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th!

These weekends are offered three times per year with our two classes offered during the same weekend on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Throughout the year, we will alternate which class we offer on Friday night and which we offer on Saturday morning to accommodate a variety of schedules. It is our hope that more frequent opportunities to complete our 2 required membership classes will expedite our membership process for those desiring to join our church.

The two classes do not need to be taken in order, and you are not require to take both classes during the same weekend. Once you have taken both classes, you will complete an application that is followed by an interview with one of our Elders and a member of our Women's Council. You can RSVP and register for childcare for our November Membership Classes by going to the events page on the BPC app or website or scanning the QR code below.

2026-27 Membership Dates:

- November 2026 Membership Weekend
  - Friday, November 6th from 7:00-9:30pm (Class 2)
  - Saturday, November 7th from 9:00am-12:00pm (Class 1)
- Membership and Baptism Service - Sunday, December 6th, 2026
- February 2027 Membership Weekend
  - Friday, February 19th from 7:00-9:30pm (Class 1)
  - Saturday, February 20th from 9:00am-12:00pm (Class 2)
- Membership and Baptism Service - Sunday, May 2nd, 2027