

CHURCH AND KINGDOM



THE BUILD INITIATIVE

# 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

*Psalm 63: 1-4*

- 1 You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.
- 2 I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.
- 3 Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.
- 4 I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands

*This Is The Day*

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**

*Holy Holy  
Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide  
Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside  
Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

# 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](mailto: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](http://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

### *Deuteronomy 8: 10-18*

**10** When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. **11** Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. **12** Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, **13** and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, **14** then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **15** He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. **16** He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. **17** You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” **18** But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

## *Deuteronomy 14: 22; 14: 28 - 15: 1-2*

**22** Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.

**28** At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, **29** so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

**1** At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts. **2** This is how it is to be done: Every creditor shall cancel any loan they have made to a fellow Israelite. They shall not require payment from anyone among their own people, because the Lord's time for canceling debts has been proclaimed

## *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.

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*

Father, we come to you this morning in our sinfulness and in the ways we failed to follow you this week. You know our hearts and how often we have sinned; in our selfishness, and in ignoring your call to love and serve sacrificially those around us. In your great mercy and kindness please show us our sin, give us hearts to be quick to repent and remind us that we are forgiven. Amen.

## *Assurance*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

*Ephesians 1: 7*

## *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

### *All Shall Be Well*

*Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.*

*-Isaiah 3: 10*

Thank you for the sun  
Thank you for the moon  
Thank you for the stars at night  
And the darkness too

Bless you for your peace  
Bless you for your grace  
Bless you for your perfect love  
And your perfect ways

#### **Chorus:**

*And all shall be well,*

*All shall be well*

*All manner of things shall be well*

Use me as you will  
Remove my selfish pride  
Create in me a servant's heart  
To bless your holy bride

And when my work is done  
And the seeds are sown  
Please receive my spirit Lord  
And welcome me home

#### **Chorus**

*Act Justly, Love  
Mercy, Walk  
Humbly*

It all comes down to this  
What You require of me  
Love my neighbor as myself  
And You above all things

**Chorus:**

*Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly  
With You, God*

*In all things, in all ways, walk humbly  
With You, God*

It all comes down to this  
To be Your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world  
Oh the truth will set us free

**Chorus**

It's beauty for ashes  
It's mourning to dancing  
It's closer and closer  
The Kingdom of heaven

And years from now we'll see  
The fruit our hands have sown  
Faith just like a seed  
The only way it grows

**Chorus**

## 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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## PLEDGE PROCESS

### A Note on Tithing

Tithing (giving 10% of income to the church) is not part of the moral law of God, but is nevertheless a good and historic guideline throughout Christian history for how to think about giving to God.

The **Build** Initiative is an opportunity to move toward tithing for those who are not currently tithing, and to give above and beyond for those who are currently tithing.

**As you are considering your commitment, please do not decrease your annual giving to the general budget for the sake of this initiative.**

### Pledge Prompts

For those who do not currently give, going from giving 0% to 10% of income can be quite difficult. Similarly, for those who do currently give, it can be difficult to figure out a reasonable way to think through how God might be calling us to participate. Here are some suggestions for possible ways to engage in The **Build** Initiative:

#### **3%+ of my annual income**

For those not currently practicing the discipline of tithing, this may be a good way to Build toward tithing. We will count this toward the Build campaign for three years, and once the campaign period is over, you can turn this amount over to the general fund.

#### **1x my annual giving (over the 3 year period)**

For those who currently give, consider giving an additional tithe across the next 3 years.

#### **2x my annual giving (over the 3 year period)**

Similarly, for some, it may be feasible to consider giving two times what you tithe in one year across the next three years.

#### **Gift from stored assets**

In addition to tithing, some people have wealth from which to draw for a campaign like this one.

#### **Praying**

Remember, praying is part of this initiative also. We will consider the campaign successful, not based entirely on the final amount of money but on the percentage of our church body that participates. Regardless of whether and what you can give financially, please pledge to pray for our church and this process.

# UPCOMING DATES:

## THIS WEEK:

**Sun 4/26:** Youth Group from 6:00-8:00pm (*BPC - Backyard & Gym*)

**Sun 4/26:** Mid-Century Moderns Dinner at 7:00pm (*Marlow's Tavern in Brookhaven*)

**Mon 4/27:** Prayer for Sally at 9:00am (*BPC - Room 101*)

**Tues 4/28:** Session Meeting at 8:00pm (*BPC*)

## COMING UP:

**Sun 5/3:** Parenting High Schoolers Panel at 8:45am (*BPC - Room 204*)

**Sun 5/3:** Youth Group from 6:00-8:00pm (*BPC - Backyard & Gym*)

**Mon 5/4-Mon 5/11:** Spring Ladies Dinners

**Sun 5/10:** Membership and Baptism Sunday

**Sun 5/10:** The Build Initiative Commitment Sunday

**Sun 5/17:** The Build Initiative Celebration Sunday with Community Lunch

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