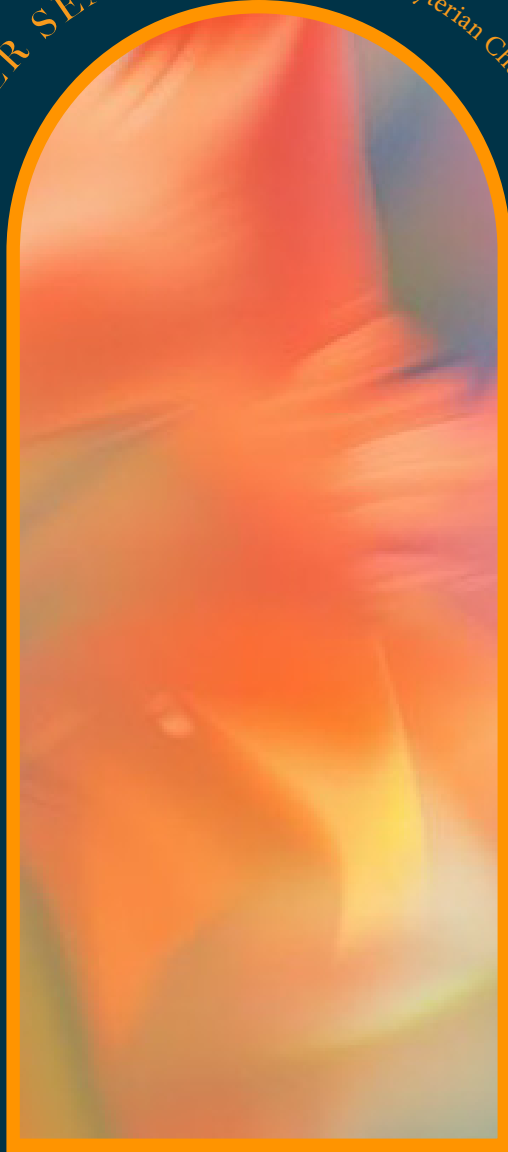


EASTER SEASON

Brookhaven Presbyterian Church / May 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.

Goodness Of God

*Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.
-Psalm 23: 6*

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

*'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything,
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me

Chorus

Call To Worship

Psalm 63: 1-4

Behold

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

-Revelation 21: 5

- 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

The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will dance forever
The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are my Redeemer

Chorus:

*Behold, behold, behold
What love can do
Behold, behold
He's making all things new*

The lost return, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake, the world awake
Creation all composing
The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are my Redeemer

Chorus

We've been struck down
We're not destroyed
We've sown in tears
We'll reap in joy
My eyes are open

Behold
Behold

Chorus

Steadfast

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

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move I
will set my hope
In Your love, O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus:

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As You lead us with Your light

Chorus

I will not trust
in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy,
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

Chorus

In the moment of emptiness All
was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness,
You are still God

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

Romans 2: 1-4

1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. **2** We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. **3** Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? **4** Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Galatians 5: 19-23

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, **20** idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, **21** envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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

Great I Am

God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

-Exodus 3: 14

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 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 refuge where I run
You are still my portion, my reward
You will be my victory in the end
The Great I Am

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.
Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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.

SUMMER AT BPC

June:

June-July: Supper Clubs*

Fri-Sun June 5-7th: Youth Retreat*

Sundays, June 7th, 14th, 21st: Sunday School* at 8:45am

Wednesdays, June 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th: Open Gym Days for Families from 1:00-4:00pm

Sunday, June 7th: Playground Playdate for 2 & 3 year olds at 9:30am

Thursday, June 11th: Ladies Night* at 7:30pm

Sunday, June 14th: Youth Lunch & Hangout at 11:30am

Tuesday, June 16th: Youth Group - Meet ATL*

Thursday, June 18th: Nights of the Roundtable* at 7:00pm

Sunday, June 28th: Prayer for Hope and Healing at 9:00am

July:

Sunday, July 12th: Youth Lunch & Hangout at 11:30am

Sunday, July 19th: Playground Playdate for 2 & 3 year olds at 9:30am

Tuesday, July 21st: Youth Group - Meet ATL

Thursday, July 23rd: Ladies Night at 7:30pm

Saturday, July 25th: Membership Class 1* at 9:00am

Sunday, July 26th: Youth Lunch & Hangout at 12:00pm

Sunday, July 26th: Prayer for Hope and Healing at 9:00am

August:

Sundays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd: Sunday School: Theology Class

**Register on the events page on the BPC app or website for each of these events*

SUPPER CLUBS

One of our traditions from the very first year of BPC is Summer Supper Clubs. These are a great way to relationally connect with others outside of Sunday mornings in a season that is a little bit slower paced for most of us. Each group meets 3-4 times over the summer in people's homes and is generally a potluck style dinner. Anyone can host—you can host with a friend or ask to be paired with someone new to you. If you are interested in joining a group or hosting one, please register by June 1st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: SPIRITUAL RHYTHMS

The summer can be time to perhaps have a bit of slower pace of life as activities pause. This may be a great opportunity for you to also pause and allow yourself to connect with God in a new or refreshing way. Join us for a three-week Sunday school class (June 7th, 14th, 21st) as Beth walks you through various aspects of spiritual formation and spiritual practices. Childcare is provided via registration and we will meet from 8:45-9:45am in Room 204.

GATHERINGS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Summer Ladies Nights: Ladies Nights are always a great way to connect with other women in our church and to spend time with friends who you might not get to see very often. The first of our two summer gatherings is coming up Thursday, June 11th at 7:30pm - an evening of fun as we learn about floral arranging from Mallory Chow and Blythe Coker. We will meet in the Gathering Space at the church, and snacks will be provided. Please note that there is a cost of \$20 for supplies.

Save the date for our second Ladies Night gathering on Thursday, July 23 at 7:30pm!

Nights of the Roundtable: Nights of the Roundtable was created to foster community and friendship among the men at BPC. Our next event will be on Thursday, June 18th at 7:00pm at BPC for food and fellowship. Please plan to contribute \$10 toward food.

You can register for these events by going to the events page on the BPC app or website.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

Open Gym Days for Families: Every Wednesday in June (3,10,17 and 24), the gym will be open for families to come and play from 1:00-4:00pm. Bring your neighbors, bring your kids, and come beat the heat!

Playground Playdate for 2 & 3 year olds: We will have a playground playdate for 2 & 3 year olds at the BPC playground before church at 9:30! Come connect with other families while your little ones play!

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

Youth Retreat: We are SO EXCITED to go on our first EVER youth retreat! This will be a two-night retreat at Tugaloo State Park over the weekend of June 5th-7th. We have reserved cabins that include living rooms and kitchens, and students will room with their d-groups. We are looking forward to this opportunity for our students to get away together, spend time adventuring through swimming, hiking, & many other activities, and to intentionally study scripture and learn together. We will leave Friday afternoon and return by Sunday at noon. You can register by going to the events page on the BPC app or website.

Youth Hangout and Lunch: All youth (Rising 5th through 12th graders) are invited to join us after church on Sunday, June 14th from 11:30-1:30 for lunch and games in the gym! Save the date for other hangouts on July 12 & 26.

Meet ATL: Rising 5th through 12th graders are invited to join Blythe on Tuesday, June 16th from 9:00-12:00 for our first Meet ATL summer service project! We will work with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL), an organization that works to equip faith communities to organize and implement practical climate solutions and educate them on climate change and environmental justice. I am excited for our students to learn about this organization and see first hand the ways different communities can partner to care for the earth and world. We will meet at BPC and ride together to complete a fun, hands-on river cleanup project on the Peachtree Creek Greenway. If you are able and willing, please let Blythe know if you can help drive students for this event. You can register your child by going to the events page on the BPC app or website.

Save the date for our next Meet ATL on July 21st.

PRAYER FOR HOPE AND HEALING

Our next prayer time for anyone who is wanting to be prayed for by our elders, women's council, and staff is Sunday, May 31st at 9:00am in Room 101. Particularly those who are struggling with any sort of illness or are in a hard place in life right now, we would love to pray for you!

Here are a few updates from our congregation that we encourage you to pray for:

Audrey Weeks: Audrey has a follow up scope on June 11 to learn more about how her airway is healing and growing. Please be in prayer for positive results, that her airway would show signs of growth, and for clear direction on next steps towards getting her trach out!

Beth Brewer: Beth is going through a trial treatment for her cancer out of the country. She and Andy made several trips throughout the last few months and are just finishing up the last trip this week. She will likely start immunotherapy at home during the next phase of treatment. Please pray for her treatments to be effective in wiping out her cancer. Also, pray for all details to be worked out and approved with her insurance company for this next phase of treatment.

Annie Reed: Annie has been walking through 5 years of unexplained chronic chest pain, and while we praise God that the pain has improved some since pregnancy and birth, the pain still persists. Discouragement at the lack of answers comes in waves, but her constant prayer is simply for miraculous healing and relief in the interim while she trusts Him.

May Bishop: May's surgery was very successful. She was discharged to continue recovery at home. Please pray for continual healing, lessened pain, and sleep.

Raasha Gutierrez: Raasha has been struggling with chronic pain over the last year. Since mid-October, she has been struggling with daily migraines of which she is starting on the last treatment possible before the migraines are considered treatment resistant. Because she has so many comorbidities, her neurology team has recommended genetic testing by Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville which will hopefully dictate a more targeted treatment plan. Her prayer requests are that insurance approves the treatment plan, that her body will respond to this treatment, for a spot to open this summer for the evaluation, and for her mental health as it has now been one year of daily pain.

Sally Jordan: Please continue praying for Sally's treatment to be effective and for restorative rest for the whole Jordan family.

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH - SPOTLIGHT ON PROMISE686

BPC's Foster Care and Adoption Ministry partners with an organization called Promise686. Promise686's mission is to mobilize church communities to care for vulnerable children, and their vision comes from Psalm 68:6: "God sets the lonely in families."

Nationwide, an average of 50% of foster families quit fostering within their first year. Research has shown that foster families who have the support of a care community are able to foster longer and provide more stability for children in foster care. Promise686 currently mobilizes over two thousand local churches across 42 states to become involved in foster care, primarily through creating Care Communities (or care teams) for foster and adoptive families.

Care Communities are volunteer-led and provide a strong support system for foster & adoptive families. Caring for vulnerable children requires an ongoing investment of time, energy, and financial resources, and foster parents need local community support. Care Communities serve at-risk children and their families in practical, hands-on ways. Ways to serve in a care community can include providing meals, babysitting, mentorship, tutoring, transportation, and prayer.

In Georgia, there are over 11,000 children in foster care, many of whom will experience multiple placements before reaching permanency (permanency = any long-term, stable living situation, including reunification, guardianship with relatives, or adoption). BPC currently has active Care Communities for four fostering families providing care to eight vulnerable children, and Promise686 continues to provide our Foster Care and Adoption Ministry Team with coaching and resources for ministry building and sustaining.

If you'd like more information about how to get involved with the foster care ministry here at BPC, email Allie London (allie.b.london@gmail.com). Please remain in prayer for our fostering and adopting families - that they would continue to be supported, equipped, and encouraged to meet the unique needs of the children placed in their homes.

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." -1st John 3:1

To learn more about Promise686 and their meaningful work, visit their website at promise686.org.