

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.

*God Is  
So Good*

No height or depth can separate  
Your steadfast love we can't escape  
Your faithfulness, an endless sea  
So full of grace and mercy  
We sing

**Chorus:**

*God is so good  
God is so good  
God is so good  
He's so good to me*

Haunted by the past no more  
My innocence has been restored  
Forgiveness flows from Your veins  
Your kindness shown in all Your ways  
We sing

**Chorus**

There's never been anyone like You  
There's never been anyone like...  
You are worthy, You are worthy  
Never been anyone like You  
Never been anyone like You  
You are worthy, You are worthy

Hope is rising like the sun  
The old is gone, the new has come  
I fix my eyes on Christ alone  
My Rock, my Shield, my Cornerstone  
We sing

**Chorus**

# Call To Worship

*Psalm 63: 1-4*

## *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*

- 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

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**

*Come Thou Fount  
of Every Blessing*

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.

# 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

### *Matthew 6: 19-21*

**19** “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## NOTES

# *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**

### *Depth Of Mercy*

Depth of mercy, can there be  
Mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God His wrath forbear?  
Me, the chief of sinners, spare?  
"Whence to me this waste of love?"  
Ask my Advocate above  
See the cause in Jesus' face  
Now before the throne of grace  
  
I have long withstood His grace  
Long provoked Him to His face  
Would not harken to His calls  
Grieved Him by a thousand falls  
There, for me, the Savior stands  
Shows His wounds, and spreads His hands  
God is love, His grace so free  
Depth of mercy, there for me  
  
I my Master have denied  
I afresh have crucified  
And profaned His hallowed name  
Put Him to an open shame  
Jesus speaks and pleads His blood  
He disarms the wrath of God  
Now my Father's mercies move  
He receives me with His love

## 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**

## 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.**



## COMMITMENT CARD

With a joyful heart, I/we rejoice in the opportunity to engage in the practice of generosity through the **BUILD** Campaign to advance the mission of Brookhaven Presbyterian Church.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS(S) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

### MY/OUR COMMITMENT IS:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3-YEAR TOTAL

#### I INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE THIS AMOUNT:

Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Yearly \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note: this is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances change.*

I cannot give at this time, but I commit to pray for the coming of God's Kingdom through the Build Initiative.

The giving period for the **BUILD INITIATIVE** will span from **MAY 2026 - MAY 2029**

We will gather commitment cards **MAY 10TH**

### WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY

- > Monthly or annual commitment
- > Lump Sum
- > Periodic donations from bonuses or special compensation
- > Stock gifts
- > Employer matches

### WHAT COULD THIS LOOK LIKE FOR ME?

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	3%	6%	10%	20%
\$100K	3,000	6,000	10,000	20,000
\$250K	7,500	15,000	25,000	50,000
\$500K	15,000	30,000	50,000	100,000

### PLEGGED FROM STORED ASSETS

\$50K | \$100K | \$250K | \$500K | \$1M

ANNUAL PLEDGE AMOUNT

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

X3

TOTAL PLEDGE AMOUNT

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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# UPCOMING DATES:

## THIS WEEK:

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

**Mon 5/4:** Prayer for Sally at 9:00am (*BPC - Room 101*)

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

## COMING UP:

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

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

**Wed 5/13:** Infertility and Loss Group at 6:30pm (*Taqueria del Sol in Chamblee*)

**Fri 5/15:** Church-wide Fast from Breakfast

**Sun 5/17:** Rising 5th Grade Parents Meeting at 8:45am (*BPC - Room 101*)

**Sun 5/17:** The Build Initiative Celebration Sunday and Community Lunch (*BPC*)

**Sun 5/17:** Youth Group End of Year Party from 6:00-8:00pm (*BPC - Backyard & Gym*)

**Sun 5/24:** Kids Church End of Year Pool Party after church (*The Webbs' House*)

**Tues 5/26:** Session Meeting at 8:00pm (*BPC*)

**Sun 5/31:** Prayer for Hope and Healing at 9:00am (*BPC - Room 101*)

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

# FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH - SPOTLIGHT ON THE STARKES FAMILY

*May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and BPC is proud to currently have four actively fostering families! We plan to highlight several of these families and their stories throughout the month. This week we are highlighting the Starkes Family*

Luke and Macy Starkes got married in 2019, and while they always knew they wanted fostering to be a part of their family's story, they weren't sure to what degree or what it would like look for them. After having a front row seat to friends who were fostering, they were moved by the intercession foster parents play in a child's life. During the launch process of the BPC Foster Home, the Starkes felt called to become licensed respite caregivers so they could help Ashley Grandchamp as she moved in the foster home and took on additional placements. However, during their training process, they both felt the Lord was calling them to more and decided to open their home to a full placement.

In August 2025, the Starkes were excited to learn that they were expecting a baby girl, and they also finished their certification for foster care. Between August and November, they waited for a placement, and on November 7, 2025 they got a call at 8pm that there was a 5-month-old boy who needed a home. Baby S arrived that morning at 2am. Loving and caring for S has been the hardest but greatest thing they have ever done. At the time he was removed from his home, his older sister was also removed and placed with another family in their agency.

In February 2026, Luke and Macy simultaneously began to feel a tug from the Lord about taking S's sister, H, into their care. They felt a conviction that, despite their young ages at the time of removal, the siblings needed each other and would benefit from being in the same home. After many seemingly closed doors, on March 27, 2026 they got the call that H would be moved into their home. They both felt that the decision made was for no reason other than the Lord's intervention. Luke and Macy's hope is that they get to love these children as long as the Lord wills, and in that time that S and H would find safety in them as parents and learn to trust that God is writing a beautiful story for their life, even with the hurt and brokenness that they have experienced.

The Starkes' biological daughter joins their family this week, and their foster son's sister, H, will be joining their family on May 28th. Please be in prayer for their family's transition, and for Luke and Macy as they become parents to three children under three. May the Lord bless the Starkes on their foster care journey, and may we as a church walk alongside them in prayer and support!

## **STARKES FAMILY NEEDS:**

- Prayer for their family's transition to three under three
- Sign up for their meal train in this week's Wednesday Update
- Donations of diapers and formula (email their care team leader, Anna, at [annawhite1217@gmail.com](mailto:annawhite1217@gmail.com) for specific brands and to coordinate donations)