

ORDINARY TIME Brookhaven Presbyterian Church / July 12



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

- 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

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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

James 1: 26-27

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. **27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Feed us now that we may become more like him. Amen.

Assurance

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.
-Hebrews 8:12

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 Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand has made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Your power throughout the universe
displayed

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art*

When through the woods,
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down,
from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think, that God,
His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation,
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great
Thou art!"

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.

SUMMER AT BPC

JULY:

Sun, July 12th: Youth Hangout and Lunch from 11:30am-12:45pm (BPC)

Sun, July 19th: Playground Playdate for 2 & 3 year olds at 9:30am (BPC - Playground)

Tues, July 21st: Youth Group - Meet ATL* at 9:00am (BPC)

Tues, July 21st: Pickleball Social at 6:30pm (Embry Hills Club)

Thurs, July 23rd: Ladies Night at 7:30pm (BPC)

Sun, July 26th: Youth Hangout - Pool Party from 12:00-2:00pm (Location TBD)

Sun, July 26th: Prayer for Hope and Healing at 9:00am (BPC - Room 101)

Tuesday, July 28th: Session Meeting at 7:30pm

AUGUST:

Sundays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd: Sunday School - Theology Class* (BPC - Room 204)

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

GUEST PREACHER: ED DUNNINGTON

Ed Dunnington is preaching this Sunday. Ed is the Director of our denomination's retirement and benefits division. Prior to that he was a church planter in Roanoke, VA and an RUF campus minister in Washington state. He was a collegiate swimmer at VMI and is still a Masters swimmer. He and his wife share four kids, three of whom are out of the house. But most importantly, he exudes the grace and joy of Jesus. He's one of my (Zach's) favorite people, and I'm really excited he's preaching this week. Make sure to introduce yourself!

JULY LADIES NIGHT

We had so much fun at our June Ladies Night, and we can't wait to do it again! The women of our church are invited to join us on **Thursday, July 23rd at 7:30pm in the Gathering Space** for a relaxed evening of community, light refreshments, and storytelling. We'll get to hear from a few ladies in our congregation as they open up about how God has been working in their lives. Whether you want to catch up with old friends or meet someone new, this is the perfect, low-pressure way to connect. We hope you will join us!

LEADERSHIP TEAM HIGHLIGHT: MISSIONS

For the next several weeks, we are going to highlight some of our Leadership teams each week. If you are asking yourself the question, "How can I get more involved here?" joining one of our Leadership teams might be something you should consider.

The mission, given to the church by Jesus, is to make disciples among every nation and ethnic group around the world. To help fulfill this commission, BPC, through its Missions Team, will partner with those whom we can help send and with local leaders in other countries who have a clear commitment to Christ's mission. The Missions Team determines what ministries we support and how BPC can be engaged in these efforts around the world.

Besides participating in the monthly meetings, each member is assigned one or two global partners, for whom he/she becomes the primary point of contact with BPC, as well as a prayer partner and advocate on behalf of our church. In addition, team members volunteer for various jobs that help the team run smoothly. One of our goals is to develop regular short-term mission trip opportunities for our congregation.

If you are interested in more information about joining the Missions team, please contact Ken Matlack (ken.matlack@brookhavenpres.com)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

HIGHLIGHT: BPC HOUSING

The Brookhaven Presbyterian Church (BPC) Housing Ministry is a Christ-centered initiative that provides affordable housing while equipping participants with financial literacy, individualized coaching, prayer, and supportive relationships that promote long-term stability and economic resilience. In response to God's call to address socioeconomic disparities, the BPC Housing ministry partners with internal BPC ministries and local organizations to identify and create opportunities for individuals and families to thrive. At the same time, BPC ministry leaders deepen their faith through intercultural engagement, service, and discipleship.

The ministry is supported by volunteer leaders serving in three primary roles:

1. Care Team: Members lead by building caring relationships with tenants through regular in person prayer, encouragement, discipleship, and resource navigation.
2. Expansion Team: Members lead by cultivating financial partners and donors to sustain the ministry and help make plans for future development.
3. Resource Team: Members lead by collaborating with internal and external organizations to coordinate resources and services that support tenant success.

Together, these teams create a welcoming community where tenants and volunteers grow spiritually, relationally, and economically.

To learn more, contact BPC Housing Ministry at bpchousing@brookhavenpres.com.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

HIGHLIGHT: COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

The Community Assistance Team exists to connect with those in and around our community with urgent needs for food, transportation, and housing assistance. They accomplish their purpose through a multi-faceted approach:

Responding: Members of the emergency assistance team conduct intake meetings to understand the specific needs of neighbors who approach the church. These intakes often take place on Sunday mornings at BPC before or after the service. Also, team members rotate receiving and responding to calls and emails on our helpline (via Google Voice).

Networking: We do not intend to reinvent the wheel but to help direct those in need to the well-established resources within our community and, in some cases, fill the gaps between those resources.

Connecting: It is important that everyone who comes to BPC for help is invited to join us in worship. If they accept our invitation, we want them to feel welcomed.

Praying: God is the ultimate source of healing; we cannot do His work without Him. As a team, we need to bring the individuals and families we serve before God, inviting Him to intervene and guide our actions.

As you may have noticed in recent weeks, there has been an increase of neighbors in need who we are meeting with. If you are interested in learning more or joining the team, please contact Ricky Wilson (rickywilson03@gmail.com).