

ORDINARY TIME Brookhaven Presbyterian Church / July 26



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.

Love Comes Down

I brought You all my foolish crowns
With trembling hands I laid them down
Expecting wrath to be poured out
But You placed mercy on my brow

Still my best is nothing less
Than filthy rags and emptiness
One drop of blood raised me from death
And You see me through Your righteousness

Chorus:

*Oh how sweet amazing grace
Wraps me in a warm embrace
Oh my heart rejoice
I was lost, now found
All my praise goes up as
Your love comes down*

Now daily I walk safe, secure
Even through trouble You endure
I'm not afraid for I am sure
That You are mine and I am Yours

Chorus

What a great day that will be
When I stand there at my Savior's feet
Singing thank you for all eternity
All my praise goes up as
Your love comes down

Chorus

Call To Worship

Psalms 96: 1-4

- 1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the
peoples!
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised;

Morning By Morning

Daily, daily, I surrender
Grace for today is all that I need
Surprised by a mercy that's new every
morning

Awaken my soul to sing
Oh, awaken my soul to sing

Chorus:

*I will trust where You lead
I will trust when I can't see
Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me*

Breath by breath, overtaken by wonder
One step at a time when I'm overwhelmed
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow

Awaken my soul to sing
Oh, awaken my soul to sing

Chorus

I will trust with all my heart
You are good, You always are
Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me

All fear be reminded
My future is secure
Oh, my Father has spoken
And He keeps His every word

So I will trust
I will trust You
Oh, morning by morning
Oh, morning by morning

Chorus

I will trust with all my heart
You are good, You always are
Morning by morning
Great is Your faithfulness to me

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).

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

*Children of all ages are welcome
in the service at all times. Anyone
going to class may do so now.*

Sermon

Galatians 6: 12-16

12 Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. **13** Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. **14** May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **15** Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. **16** Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

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 these are forgiven them, the Supper may help remind them that their weakness and sin is covered by the suffering and death of Christ. 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).

For anyone who may find it easier to remain seated during communion, single-use communion cups are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to ask any BPC member for assistance.

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

Suscipe

Would You take Lord and receive
my liberty, my memory
My understanding and my will,
all that I call my own

Chorus:

*Give me only
Your love and grace (your love and grace)
That is enough (that is enough)
For me*

You have given all to me to you
Lord I return it
Everything belongs to you,
do with it what you will

Chorus

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because a sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am,
The King of glory and of grace!

One in Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

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.

HEADLINES

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2026-27 Ministry Year

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Congregational Care

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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 our Contact Card.



UPCOMING DATES

JULY:

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

Tues, July 28th: Session Meeting at 8:00pm (*BPC - Room 101*)

AUGUST:

Sun, August 2nd: Youth Ministry - Family Braves Day at 1:35pm

Sun, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd: Sunday School: Theology Class* at 8:30am (*BPC - Room 204*)

Fri, August 14th: Membership Class 1* from 7:00-9:30pm (*BPC - Room 204*)

Sat, August 15th: Membership Class 2* from 9:00am-12:00pm (*BPC - Room 204*)

Sat, August 22nd: BPC Housing Ministry Work Day* from 8:45am-1:00pm (*Meet at BPC*)

Sun, August 23rd: Leadership Kick-off: Coffee, Donuts, & Prayer at 9:15am (*BPC - Gathering Space*)

Sun, August 23rd: Children's Ministry Move-up Sunday

Sun, August 23rd: Youth Group Kick-off from 6:00-8:00pm (*BPC Gym and Backyard*)

Tues, August 25th: Session Meeting at 8:00pm (*BPC - Room 101*)

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

1) GET INVOLVED AT BPC - 2026-27 MINISTRY YEAR

The start of the new ministry year is swiftly approaching! If you are looking for ways to become more involved and get connected with others in our church, check out the following available opportunities:

Connections Groups: Connections Groups are low-commitment gatherings throughout the year designed to provide opportunities for you to come as you are and connect relationally with others in our church. Connections Groups are open to anyone at any time and do not include an expectation of long-term attendance. *(Examples include Mens Nights and Ladies events throughout the year, local Community Groups, BPC Book Club, quarterly Working Moms Dinners, summer Supper Clubs, etc.)*

Cohorts: Cohorts are groups that meet monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly for the sake of exploring or growing in areas of similar interests or life circumstances. *(Examples include our Motherhood Unscripted group, a 4-week Creative Writing Workshop, and Young Married and Young Singles groups.)*

Discipleship Groups: Discipleship Groups are small groups of 4-8 participants who meet weekly and grow together in their knowledge of Jesus in the context of meaningful community. Components include study of the Word, prayer, and repentance; all of which is helping our congregation grow in faithfulness to following Jesus. These groups are closed once they start.

Serving on Leadership: Joining Leadership means committing to serving on one of our ministry teams for one year. Leadership is the mechanism in which we are encouraging our people to invest in others as Christ has invested in us.

Scan the QR code to sign-up for any of the options listed above. If you have any questions about how to get more connected and involved at BPC, feel free to email Beth (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com).



2) LEADERSHIP TEAM HIGHLIGHT: WORSHIP AND PRODUCTION

For the next several weeks, we are highlighting 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 Worship & Production Team exists to serve our church by creating an atmosphere of excellence for worship during Sunday services and special events. From the stage to the sound booth, we honor God by helping eliminate distractions and making space for people to encounter Him.

We believe that when we serve with excellence, we allow our congregation to fully focus on God: what He is doing and what He is saying.

Team member responsibilities include the following::

- 1) Volunteer on a rotating schedule either on stage as a vocalist or musician, or behind the booth running cameras, lighting, or audio.
- 2) Arrive by 8:30am on your scheduled Sunday to prepare and participate in rehearsal for the service.
- 3) Be available to assist with special services throughout the year as needed (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Membership/Baptism, etc.).
- 4) Attend quarterly volunteer nights to build community, receive updates, and grow together as a team.
- 5) Engage with guest team members (musicians, sound engineers, etc.) by taking time to connect, welcome them, and maybe even invite them to lunch.

If you are interested in more information about joining the Worship and Production team, please contact Stefan Cashwell (stefan.cashwell@brookhavenpres.com).

3) LEADERSHIP TEAM HIGHLIGHT: CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Most of us typically live scheduled, regimented, and often repetitive weeks. Our time on Sundays can feel like just a blip in this schedule. If we are not careful, our relationships with the Brookhaven Presbyterian congregation can be the same. The goal of Congregational Care is to try and fix this.

The Congregational Care Team mission is to glorify God by pursuing and serving the needs of His congregation. This is done by a group of 20 or so leaders who aim to encourage members of the congregation to make their immediate or long-term needs known. 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 Congregational Care Team themselves; other times the team assists friends and family to address the need of the individual. Regardless, members of the team fall at the feet of Jesus in prayer asking for wisdom and clarity to what the next steps should be.

Examples of ways the Congregation Care team has served the congregation are: childcare, meals, connecting with individuals suffering with loneliness, lawn care, home repairs, resources for those struggling with infertility and loss, widows care, men's and women's events, and general assistance with the needs of the Church.

It is important as a disciple of Christ to lay down our lives serving and loving others as Christ has loved us. It is important that members of Brookhaven Presbyterian Church know they are not walking this life alone and God's love is felt through His Church. God is glorified by the congregation making their needs known and fulfilled.

If you need support or would like to join the Congregational Care Team, please reach out to Charles Cofield (Charles.n.Cofield@gmail.com) or Beth Goss (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com).

4) MEMBERSHIP WEEKENDS

Beginning in August, we are now offering three "Membership Weekends" 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 required 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. Scan the QR code below to RSVP and register for childcare for our August Membership Weekend.

2026-27 Membership Schedule:

- August 2026 Membership Weekend
 - Friday, August 14th from 7:00-9:30pm (Class 1)
 - Saturday, August 15th from 9:00am-12:00pm (Class 2)
- *Membership and Baptism Service - Sunday, September 27th, 2026*
- 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*

