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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.

Stand In Your Love

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love."

-1 John 4: 18

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

Chorus:

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love*

Oh, shame no longer has a place to hide
And I am not a captive to the lies
Oh, I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

Chorus

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name,
power in Your name

Call To Worship

Psalms 95: 1-3

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! **2** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **3** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

-Galatians 2: 20

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing,
"I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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Worthy Of It All

For from him and through him
and to him are all things. To him
be glory forever. Amen.

-Romans 11: 36

All the saints and angels
Bow before your throne.
All the elders cast
Their crowns before the lamb
Of God and sing.

Chorus:

*You're worthy of it all
You're worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory*

All the saints and angels
Bow before your throne.
All the elders cast
Their crowns before the lamb
Of God and sing.

Chorus

Day and night, night and day Let
incense arise
Day and night, night and day Let
incense arise

Chorus

Welcome & Announcements

Get Connected



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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

Genesis 1: 26-28

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Deuteronomy 17: 14-20

14 When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, “Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us,” **15** be sure to appoint over you a king the Lord your God chooses. He must be from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite. **16** The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get

more of them, for the Lord has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.”

17 He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.

18 When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. **19** It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees **20** and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

1st Samuel 8

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. **2** The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. **3** But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

4 So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

5 They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

6 But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. **7** And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. **8** As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. **9** Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

10 Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. **11** He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. **12** Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. **13** He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. **15** He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. **16** Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. **17** He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. **18** When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. **20** Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

21 When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. **22** The Lord answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

Then Samuel said to the Israelites, "Everyone go back to your own town."

1st Samuel 18: 7-12

7 As they danced, they sang:
"Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands."

8 Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" **9** And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

10 The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand **11** and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

12 Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had departed from Saul.

Psalms 8

1 Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.
2 Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
3 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
7 all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
8 the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
9 Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 Coker, Director of Youth Ministry (blythe.coker@brookhavenpres.com).

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

Almighty God, we confess that while you
love us, we do not love you fully. You call, but
we do not always listen. We often walk away
from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own
concerns. God of grace, help us to examine
our hearts that we may be quick to repent of
our sin, and quick to know the depth of your
grace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ
our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance

For as high as the heavens are above the
earth, so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him; as far as the east is
from the west, so far does he remove our
transgressions from us.

-Psalm 103: 11-12

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

God The Fool

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

-1 Corinthians 1: 25

For the wounds that I've inflicted
For the wounds that I've received
I offer You my bitterness
I offer You my grief

For the trust that I have broken
For the lies that I have told
Forgive me God for giving
My heart away for gold

Like a merchant in your temple
Selling sinners doves
You turn over my tables
With Your foolishness, oh God

I am a sly sidewinder
A brood of vipers in Your hand
You're an Appalachian preacher
Who I cannot withstand

I'm running for Your altar
I'm weeping on Your floor
I feel Your love inside my heart,
I wanna feel it more

You said be wise and gentle
Like the serpent and the dove
Only heeding half of Your own advice
Is Your foolishness, oh God

For the snow upon the mountain
Melting down into the sea
I will sit with You in silence

I will listen to You breathe
I will ask You all my questions
I will waste all Your precious time
You don't give the poet answers
So the poet gives You rhyme

What kind of mad man are You
Taking on the worst of odds
I'm chalking up my fortunes
To Your foolishness, oh God

Good Good Father

See what kind of love the Father
has given to us, that we should
be called children of God; and so
we are. The reason why the world
does not know us is that it did not
know him."

-1 John 3: 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper Of
love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased And
that I'm never alone

Chorus:

*You're a good, good Father
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
It's who You are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am*

I've seen many searching
For answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only you provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Chorus

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable,
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable,
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

Chorus

Benediction

Revelation
22: 20-21

20 He who testifies to these things says,
“Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus! **21** The grace of the Lord Jesus be
with all. Amen.

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

1)

MOVE-UP SUNDAY

2)

LEADERSHIP KICK-OFF

3)

BPC HOUSING WORKDAY

4)

GET INVOLVED AT BPC:
2026-27 MINISTRY YEAR



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 the contact card.

UPCOMING DATES

Sun, August 16th: Youth Parent Meeting at 11:30am *(BPC - Sanctuary)*

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)*

Sun, August 30th: Prayer for Hope & Healing at 9:00am *(BPC - Room 101)*

Sun, August 30th: Sunday School: Theology Class* at 8:30am *(BPC - Room 204)*

Sun, August 30th: Installation of Session and Diaconate & Congregational Meeting *(during service)*

Sun, August 30th: Parent Equipping: Child Protection & Internet Safety* from 6:00-8:00pm *(BPC - Gathering Space)*

Sun, August 30th: Youth Group from 6:00-8:00pm *(BPC - Gym and Backyard)*

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

1) MOVE-UP SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Move-Up Sunday for our children and youth! We are excited to celebrate our kids as they move into new classes and some enter youth group! Don't miss the service as we will take some extra time to celebrate our kids and youth together!

Parents, please be on the lookout for an email from Dana this week with more details.

2) LEADERSHIP KICK-OFF

We invite everyone who is serving on a Leadership ministry team this year to join us in the Gathering Space next Sunday, August 23rd at 9:15am for coffee and donuts. We will have time of prayer and blessing as we launch into the new ministry year together!

Below is a list of the team leaders. If you are interested in joining one of our teams this year:

- *Children's Ministry: Dana Simpson (dana.simpson@brookhavenpres.com)*
- *Youth Ministry: Blythe Coker (blythe.coker@brookhavenpres.com)*
- *Discipleship/Cohort: Beth Goss (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com)*
- *Connections: Beth Goss (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com)*
- *Intercessory Prayer: Erica McArthur (eamcarthur23@gmail.com)*
- *Congregational Care: Beth Goss (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com)*
- *BPC Housing: Barbara Jones (bpchousing@brookhavenpres.com)*
- *Community Assistance: Ricky Wilson (rickywilson03@gmail.com)*
- *Foster Care and Adoption: Allie London (allie.b.london@gmail.com)*
- *Immigrant Care: Nathaniel Sundholm (natsundholm@gmail.com)*
- *Missions: Lee Deneen (lee.deneen@gmail.com) or Doug Evans (douglaswestevans@gmail.com)*
- *Alpha: Ken Matlack (ken.matlack@brookhavenpres.com)*
- *Worship and Production: Stefan Cashwell (stefan.cashwell@brookhavenpres.com)*

If you aren't sure which team might be the best fit for you, we encourage you to reach out to Beth to talk through options.

3) BPC HOUSING WORKDAY

Our BPC Housing Ministry recently purchased another duplex, and we need your help preparing the property for future tenants! We invite anyone who would like to participate to join us for a work day on Saturday, August 22nd from 9:00am-1:00pm* to beautify the property. Please bring your yard tools and help mow, trim trees, clear brush, and bag yard waste. Our goal is to have at least 10 volunteers. Thank you for serving with us as we prepare a welcoming home for future tenants. Your time and support are greatly appreciated!

*We will meet at the church at 8:45am and then head to the property together (3 min drive from church).

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Jones (bpchousing@brookhavenpres.com). Please use the QR code to register.



4) 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.)

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