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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.

King Of My Heart

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

-Psalm 73: 26

The name of the Lord is a strong
tower; the righteous man runs into
it and is safe.

-Proverbs 18: 10

Let the King of my heart,
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from,
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart,
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life,
Oh He is my Song

Chorus:

*You are good, good, oh
You are good, good, oh
You are good, good, oh
You are good, good, oh*

Let the King of my heart,
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves,
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart,
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days,
Oh He is my song

Chorus

You're never gonna let,
never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let,
never gonna let me down

Chorus

Call To Worship

Psalm 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.

Sovereign Over Us

The Lord has established his
throne in the heavens, and his
kingdom rules over all.

-Psalm 103: 19

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning
With a love that cast out fears

You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
And beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Chorus:

*Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are sovereign over us*

You are wisdom unimagined,
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the Lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me,
Your promises are my delight

Chorus

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good
And for Your glory

Even in the valley you are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
And for Your glory

Chorus

Holy Holy Holy

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

-Revelation 4: 8

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Welcome & Announcements

Get Connected



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C. Discipleship Groups: Small groups in which people are growing in their knowledge of Jesus in the context of meaningful community.

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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

Revelation 1: 1-2

1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, **2** who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 4

1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” **2** At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. **3** And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. **4** Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. **6** Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.”

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”

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

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 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

Suscipe

But who am I, and what is my
people, that we should be able thus
to offer willingly? For all things
come from you, and of your own
have we given you.

-1st Chronicles 29: 14

Power To Redeem

Christ redeemed us from the curse
of the law by becoming a curse
for us—for it is written, “Cursed is
everyone who is hanged on a tree” –
Galatians 3: 13

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

You take what is
And You make it beautiful
When love floods in,
We're restored forever more
With breath it brings the dead to life,
With words that pierce the dark with light
Only by the blood are we set free.
With mercy strong to carry shame
and nail it to a tree
You alone hold the power to redeem.

No guilt competes
with innocence crucified.
No grave can hold what Your grace has
justified.
With breath it brings the dead to life,
With words that pierce the dark with light
Only by the blood are we set free.
With mercy strong to carry shame
and nail it to a tree
You alone hold the power to redeem.

Rejoice oh child of God
Lift your eyes to see
With every morning light,
Again we are redeemed

Rejoice oh child of God
Lift your eyes to see
With every morning light,
Again we are redeemed

Oh With breath it brings the dead to life,
With words that pierce the dark with light
Only by the blood are we set free.
With mercy strong to carry shame
and nail it to a tree
You alone hold the power to redeem.
Oh You alone, hold the power to redeem

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)

GET INVOLVED AT BPC -
2026-27 MINISTRY YEAR

2)

MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND

3)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING &
INSTALLATION SERVICE



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

Sun, August 9th, 16th, 30th: 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)

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: 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)

****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) MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND

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 Classes.

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*



3) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

During the service on Sunday, August 30th, we will have a congregational meeting in order to ordain and commission the following new members of the Session and Diaconate.

Elders: Burke Buster, Patrick Lange, Tom Larkin, Grant Martin

Councilors: Ashley Church, Christy Wilkerson, Vanessa Winterstein

Deacons: Dave Church, Brad Wilkerson

Deaconesses: Kristina Crockett, Stephanie Gilbert