

ORDINARY TIME Brookhaven Presbyterian Church / Sep 6



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.

Cherry Blossoms

Well I feel a warm wind blowing
Melting all the sadness off of my soul
And I smell the sweet cherry blossoms
Pouring all their gladness into my soul

Chorus:

*In winter I believe You,
In springtime I see You
It's so good to be with You,
My hope has come
Lord, You make all things new,
Your love is my breakthrough
Now I sing Hallelujah,
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Chorus

I'm not gonna give in
To this mortal frustration
And I'm not gonna give death
Any standing ovation
I will lift my soul God
With no hesitation
Between You and me
There is no separation

Chorus

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.

Behold

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

-Revelation 21: 5

The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will dance forever

The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are my Redeemer

Chorus:

Behold, behold, behold

What love can do

Behold, behold

He's making all things new

The lost return, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake, the world awake
Creation all composing

The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are my Redeemer

Chorus

We've been struck down
We're not destroyed
We've sown in tears
We'll reap in joy

My eyes are open

Behold

Behold

Chorus

I Am Held

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

-Isaiah 49: 16

Chorus:

I am held

I am held

I am held by the One who won't let go

I am held

I am held

I am held by the lover of my soul

Made in Your image
Filled with Your breath inside my lungs
Crowned with Your blessing

You're proud of the work You've done

Chorus

Made for communion
I am the branch and You're the vine
My heart is a table
And You are the bread and wine

Chorus

Caught in a love and it won't let go
Caught in a love and it frees my soul

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 (NIV)

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

Sermon

1 Kings 33: 29-33

29 The king then took an oath: “As surely as the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, **30** I will surely carry out this very day what I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place.”

31 Then Bathsheba bowed down with her face to the ground, prostrating herself before the king, and said, “May my lord King David live forever!”

32 King David said, “Call in Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.” When they came before the king, **33** he said to them: “Take your lord’s servants with you and have Solomon my son mount my own mule and take him down to Gihon.

2 Kings 22: 1-2

1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother’s name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. **2** He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 23: 28-30

28 As for the other events of Josiah's reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah?

29 While Josiah was king, Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah marched out to meet him in battle, but Necho faced him and killed him at Megiddo. **30** Josiah's servants brought his body in a chariot from Megiddo to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

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

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

-Matthew 10: 29-31

Why should I be discouraged
And why should the shadows come
Why should my heart feel lonely
And long for heaven and home

When Jesus is my portion
A constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches over me
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches over me

Chorus:

*I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches over me
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches over me*

Restored & Reconciled

For if while we were enemies we
were reconciled to God by the
death of his Son, much more, now
that we are reconciled, shall we be
saved by his life.

-Romans 5: 10

For the sake of another
The sake of your name
The sake of my conscience
The sake of the faith
Grant me the courage and give me the grace
To love as Christ loved me

What sins have I hidden?
What wounds can I mend?
What steps can I take to repair or repent?
Grant me the courage,
Lord, give me the strength
To love as Christ loved me
The only path to peace

Where trust has been broken
Build it again
Lord, give us the wisdom to mend every fence
To pick up the pieces
Restore what we can
And leave the rest to you
Do what only you can do

Chorus:

*You have done what I could not
You built a bridge so I could cross
Now I stand before my God
Restored and reconciled
You have shown your grace to us
To follow in the way of love
By your Spirit make us one
Restored and reconciled
Restored and reconciled*

All for your glory
All for your sake
All for the honor of your name
We'll be your people
Marked by your grace
All for the honor of your name

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

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CHURCH-WIDE FAST FOR THE
MINISTRY YEAR

4)

INTERIM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
COORDINATOR



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 - SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

Sun, September 13th: Playground Playdate for Preschool and Kindergarten at 9:30am (BPC - Playground)

Sun, September 13th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Thurs, September 17th: Baptism Class at 7:30pm (Zoom)

Fri, September 18th: Church-wide Fast for the Ministry Year

Sun, September 20th: Worship Sunday at 10:00am (BPC - Sanctuary)

Sun, September 20th: Parent Equipping: Parenting through a Distracted and Dysregulated Culture at 6:00pm (BPC - Gathering Space)

Sun, September 20th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Sun, September 27th: Prayer for Hope and Healing at 9:00am
(BPC - Room 101)

Sun, September 27th: Playground Playdate for 1st and 2nd Graders at 9:30am (BPC - Playground)

Sun, September 27th: Membership and Baptism at 10:00am
(BPC - Sanctuary)

Sun, September 27th: Community Lunch at 11:30am
(BPC - Gathering Space)

Sun, September 27th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Sun, September 27th: Mid-Century Moderns Dinner at 6:30pm (Barrs Home)

Tues, September 29th: Session Meeting at 7:30pm (BPC - Room 204)

You can find all the details and any relevant registrations for each of these events on the Events page on the BPC app or website!

1) PRAYING THROUGH OUR CHURCH VALUES: PRAYER

For the last several years, at the start of each new ministry year, we have prayed through the values of our church: Generosity, Renewal, Incarnation, and Prayer.

For this first week, we will be praying through our value of **Prayer**.

Through **Prayer**, we seek God's presence, relying on His power and guidance in every aspect of our lives and ministry.

Pray with us as we long for the following list to be a reflection of who we are as we seek to embody the value of **Prayer**.

- We allow prayer to permeate our planning in life and ministry.
- We believe in the power of prayer to bring renewal to our community through the work of the Spirit.
- We surrender our desire for control by entrusting ourselves to God through prayer.
- We find great joy in our relationship with God through prayer, both individually and corporately.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians. 4:6-7

2) COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, September 27th is our next Membership and Baptism Sunday. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch after church that day to welcome our new members and celebrate those being baptized. It is also a great way to connect and get to know others in the church. Whether you are new to the church or have been around for a long time, you are welcome! If you are able, please donate \$5 via cash or Venmo (@brookhavenpres) to cover the cost of your meal.

3) CHURCH-WIDE FAST FOR THE MINISTRY YEAR

Spiritual disciplines are given to us from God to help position ourselves to grow deeper in both our understanding of his love for us and our enjoyment of him. One discipline that we have practiced consistently as a church is fasting. In fact, a day of fasting in September at the start of each new ministry year has become an annual practice.

This year's annual fast will be on Friday, September 18th. All are invited and encouraged to take part in this day. Be on the lookout in the Wednesday Update for more specific ways to be praying for the year and more information on fasting.

As a spiritual practice, fasting gives us an opportunity to create space in our lives to focus specifically on God by substituting time eating with time with God. Physical hunger can be a reminder of how much we hunger for God; to say to God, "As much as I desire food right now, God, I desire you even more". And fasting uses physical hunger to bring deep hidden sins to the surface in order to better understand ourselves and our need for God's grace. If for any reason, fasting from food is not possible for you, consider fasting from another area of your life, such as screens or social media, for that day.

4) INTERIM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Our Children's Ministry Director, Dana Simpson, is preparing for her maternity leave this fall/winter. We are looking for an Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator to assist with the week to week logistics of our Children's Ministry while she is out and provide continuity of all the wonderful things our Children's Ministry offers to families here at BPC.

The position is contracted for 10 hours per week for four months. We invite you to reference the job description in the Wednesday Update and email Dana Simpson (dana.simpson@brookhavenpres.com) for additional information if this interests you!