

WORSHIP SUNDAY

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.

WHAT IS WORSHIP SUNDAY?

Step into a sacred space where worship takes on a deeply personal and powerful dimension. Worship

Sunday is a unique opportunity to set aside the noise of daily life and lean fully into an atmosphere of reflection, prayer, and heartfelt praise. With an extended time of worship through music, prayer, the reading of scripture, and communion, this gathering invites you to engage with God in an intimate and transformative way.

Call To Worship

*Psalm 139:1-6,
23-24*

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and
my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

5 You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

We come into this place carrying many thoughts, many concerns, many versions of ourselves. Some of us arrive settled. Some distracted. Some unsure of what we even need. The psalm reminds us that before we speak, before we understand ourselves, God already knows us. Nothing is hidden. Nothing is dismissed. So we begin not by pretending, but by opening ourselves to the God who searches us in love. Let us worship the One who knows us fully and welcomes us anyway.

Open Space

Pull me in closer
Close to Your heart
May I be a pure reflection Of all You are
Love that is patient
Love that is kind

A love that keeps no offenses or
wrongs in mind

Make me like Jesus
Make me like Jesus

My heart is an open space
For You to come and have Your way
I'm open, I'm open

You're faithful to find me
Right where I am
Though even in my wandering
You call me friend

Mercy receives me
And lifts me to my feet
And I'm caught up in the wonder and mystery
Of knowing Jesus
Of knowing Jesus

My heart is an open space
For You to come and have Your way
I'm open, I'm open

Do whatever You want to do
Say whatever You want to say
Move however You want to move
Change whatever You want to change

My heart is an open space
For You to come and have Your way
I'm open, I'm open

Holy Spirit

There is nothing worth more
That will ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of love
When my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Chorus:
Holy spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

Jeremiah 2:11-13

Has a nation ever changed its gods?
(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their
glorious God
for worthless idols.

12 Be appalled at this, you heavens,
and shudder with great horror,”
declares the Lord.

13 “My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

We hear these words and recognize ourselves in them. We look for life in places that cannot hold it. We cling to habits, distractions, and assurances that eventually run dry. God does not speak here with contempt, but with grief. A longing that we would return to what truly sustains. Before we sing again, let us notice where our thirst has been misplaced, and let that awareness draw us closer to the God who offers living water.

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

You Bring The Morning

You bring the gladness
I'll bring the gleaming
You bring the glory
I'll bring the singing
You bring the table
I'll bring the feasting
Somewhere in the distance
I hear wedding bells ringing

You bring the comfort
I'll bring my thinking
You bring the new wine, Lord
I'll bring the drinking
You bring Your spirit
I'll bring my weeping
I have nothing else
But the promises You're keeping

Chorus:

*You bring the morning
You bring the evening
I'm gonna praise You
With every breath that I'm breathing
You bring the working day
So a man can keep believing
So a woman can keep on dreaming
And after the fire dies
You open up our eyes again*

You bring the stillborn
Baby to my shoulder
You bring Your sorrow
To every fallen soldier
You bring Your passion
To the graves that we stand over
Young love that we lost
Will be found as we grow older

You bring the mountain
So I have somewhere to wander
You bring the ocean
So I can walk on water
You bring the wilderness
Where I can learn to hunger
Oh, I feel You like a phantom
But I can't explain Your wonder

Chorus

You bring the gladness
I'll bring the gleaming
You bring the new wine, Lord
I'll bring the drinking
You bring Your spirit
I'll bring my weeping
I have nothing else
But the promises You're keeping

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 Confession 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.

For anyone that 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.

A Liturgy For The Lord's Supper

Leader:

In this bread and cup
we proclaim that despair is not sovereign,
that cruelty will not prevail,
that chaos and confusion
are not the rulers of our days.
Here, we remember:
the kingdom is not postponed,
nor hidden, nor absent,
but breaking in even now,
quietly, powerfully,
like seed in the soil,
like light through the cracks.

All:

Bless us, O Lord, in this feast.

Leader:

May this feast steady trembling hearts.
May it awaken courage
where fear has taken root.
May it call forth mercy
in the face of bitterness,
and faith
in the shadow of doubt.
May it anchor us again
in the story that holds all stories—
the story of Christ,
crucified and risen,
reigning and returning.

All:

Let this meal be a pledge
of the world made new,
a taste of the feast prepared for all peoples,
a sign of the wedding of heaven and earth.

Leader:

For you, O Lord,
are not far off.
You are here among us,
and in the breaking of this bread
and the drinking of this wine,
our eyes are opened.

All:

Amen.

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.

Abba

You're more real than the wind in my lungs
You're more real than the ground I'm
standing on

You're thoughts define me, you're inside me
You're my reality

Chorus:

Abba, I belong to you

You're closer than the skin on my bones
You're closer than the song on my tongue

You're thoughts define me, you're inside me
You're my reality

Chorus

You're more real than the ground I'm
standing on, You're more real than
the wind in my lungs
Your thoughts define me You're inside me,
You're my reality

Chorus

You're closer than the skin on my bones,
You're closer than the song on my tongue
Your thoughts define me You're inside me,
You're my reality

Chorus

Well sometimes my life just don't make sense
at allWhen the mountains look so big and my
faith just seems so small

Chorus:

*So hold me Jesus 'cause
I'm shaking like a leaf
You have been King of my glory,
Won't You be my Prince of peace*

And I wake up in the night and feel the dark
It's so hot inside my soul, I swear there must
be blisters on my heart

Chorus

Surrender don't come natural to me
I'd rather fight You for something I don't
really want Than to take what You give that

need And I've beat my head against so many walls Now I'm falling down, I'm falling on my knees And this Salvation Army band is playing this hymn And Your grace rings out so deep, it makes my resistance seem so thin

Chorus

I'm singing hold me Jesus 'cause I'm shaking like a leaf You have been King of my glory, won't You be my Prince of Peace You have been King of my glory, won't You be my Prince of Peace

Matthew 4:1-4

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." **4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Jesus enters the wilderness not because he is weak, but because he is listening. Before his public ministry begins, before any miracles are performed, He goes to a place of hunger and silence. There, he is tempted to satisfy his need quickly, to turn stones into bread. But Jesus reminds us that life is more than what fills our stomachs or eases our discomfort. As we hear these words, we are invited to notice our own hungers. The things we reach for when we are tired, anxious, or afraid of emptiness. Let us worship the God who meets us not only in abundance, but also in the quiet places where we learn to trust what truly gives life.

*Create In Me A
Clean Hear*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
Take not Thy holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And renew a right spirit within me.

*My Jesus
I Love Thee*

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing
the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering
crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Benediction

(Psalm 145:8-9)

May the Spirit trouble your spirit,
until you hunger and thirst for righteousness
for Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled”

(Matthew 5: 6)

May the Word of God burn inside of you,
so you cannot keep silent in the face of lies,
for Jeremiah cried, “His word is in my heart
like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones”

(Jeremiah 20: 9)

May your hands refuse
idleness until they build peace,
for Scripture commands,
“Seek peace and pursue it”

(Psalm 34: 14)

May your heart break
where God's heart breaks,
for it is written, “The Lord is near to the
brokenhearted and
saves the crushed in spirit”

(Psalm 34: 18)

And may your life bear witness to a Kingdom
that cannot be shaken,
for “the kingdom of God is not a matter of
talk but of power”

(1 Corinthians 4: 20)

Go now, blessed and sent in the name
of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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Missionary highlight

Newcomers Lunch

Creative Cohort:
Luke Simpson

Adult Catechism

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:

COMING UP:

Sun 2/1: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC Gym)

Mon 2/3: Prayer for Sally Jordan at 9:00am (BPC - Room 102)

Wed 2/4: Alpha at 6:30pm (BPC Gathering Space)

Sun 2/8: Newcomers Lunch at 11:45am (BPC - Room 204)

Sun 2/8: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC Gym)

Wed 2/17: Ash Wednesday Services at 12:00 pm and 6:00pm (BPC -Sanctuary, childcare provided)

Please go to the BPC website or app to find out more details about the events above.

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1) Missionary Highlight

Kip and Kristen are one of BPC's many missionary partners currently serving as the hands and feet of Christ internationally. They are part of a team that is working in The English Center in the Middle East.

The English Center team extends heartfelt gratitude to friends and partners near and far who faithfully support the ministry through prayer, service, and encouragement. This season has been one of reflection and renewed focus, as the team sensed God leading them to place a stronger emphasis on prayer. In response, daily afternoon prayer meetings were started at the center before opening, and these gatherings have already brought encouragement, unity, and spiritual refreshment to the team.

As part of this renewed emphasis, the English Center now invites supporters to partner with them more intentionally through regular prayer. Monthly prayer updates and requests will be shared to keep friends connected to the ongoing work and specific needs of the ministry.

Recently, the team celebrated Thanksgiving with grateful hearts, reflecting on God's continued faithfulness since the center's founding in 2003. The uninterrupted continuation of the ministry is a testimony to God's gracious hand, keeping this unique door open to serve the city. The team is also thankful for growth this year, including a full fall season with many dedicated volunteers serving faithfully.

Several highlights marked this season. Advanced-level students participated in a course focused on the life and teachings of Jesus, studying passages from the Gospels. This opportunity was received with gratitude, and prayer is requested for the ten students who attended. Additionally, God has provided more team members to invest in the women at the center, leading to meaningful conversations and encouraging spiritual developments.

The team asks for continued prayer for several students who are exploring truth, building relationships, and responding to the love shown to them at the center.

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2) Newcomers Lunch

If you are new to BPC within the last six to nine months, we would love to have you join us for our Newcomers Lunch coming up in a few weeks! It is a great way to meet some of our staff, get to know a few other new folks, and hear a little about who we are as a church. Children are welcome. We will meet right after the service in February 8 in Room 204. Please RSVP on the events page of the BPC app or website.

2) A Writing from the Creative Cohort

Inversions

Whether one believes in this sort of thing or not, the fellows sitting in room 3B had no choice at all. One moment, the drink was flowing, the company was warm and the fire was dancing. The next, the tap went silent, the fire went suddenly still, and all eyes shifted around towards the back of the room. Just there - where floor was once settled beneath the rug - a cold eruption of movement caused the carpet to swell and fall like a rock was thrown in a pond. No one could move. Feet plastered to the floor as it took hold of them all. And then it came - like it had always been there and they were all just now aware - the sound of a powerful light rose up through the floorboards. A droning on, a crescendo of joy, a warping around the ears and a shock in the shoulders. Every knee began to buckle and every heart begged them so. Every tongue ready to praise. Every eye fixed on the new horizon carried by the sound of shalom.

-Luke Simpson, Creative Cohort

November 2025

Luke was one of the participants in our new Creative Cohort that started this fall. The Creative Cohort is a space where artistry and worship meet. Through the format of an AWA (Amherst Writers & Artists) Writing Workshop, the group gathered to practice writing in community, without pressure or judgment. Our goal is to cultivate a program that helps our church family embrace their God-given creativity, deepening authenticity in their relationship with God and self. This cohort is going to continue another 5 week session on Monday nights starting on February 23. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Stefan (stefan.cashwell@brookhavenpres.com).

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4) Adult Catechism

As you think about your own spiritual formation over the next year, we want to walk alongside you. We have developed a tool, or more so a roadmap, to help you think through a game plan for your spiritual growth this year. Much, if not most, of your spiritual growth is going to happen naturally as God works through his Holy Spirit in you to respond to life as it comes through the fruit of the spirit. At the same time, we encourage you to be intentional in thinking for yourself and your own spiritual growth. We invite you to take the first step by spending time reading through our Adult Catechism brochure. Once you do that, please fill out our self-diagnostic survey and your own personal plan for 2026 which can be found by using the following QR code. If you have any questions on any of this, please reach out to Beth.

Copies of the Adult Catechism packet can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

