

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
**December 16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday in Advent - Joy**

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Prelude *from the Corelli Christmas Concerto*  
Cathy Arps – viola, Jane Fanning – violin, Nancy Miller – guitar  
(In honor and memory of our Dad, William Henigbaum)

Processional Hymn 140 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY  
Carden Oetting, soloist

Bidding Prayer

Lighting the Flame of Joy Carol & Stu Sussman  
*Kindle this flame of Joy. May it burn bright and true.*  
*Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.*  
*God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.*  
*Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.*

Offertory *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* arr. Shackley

***What Sweeter Music***  
**A Cantata for Christmas by John Leavitt**

First Reading A Child is Born Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*  
*O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel*  
*that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*  
*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.*  
*Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Second Reading The Glory of Zion Isaiah 60: 1-6, 19

Carol *People, Look East*  
*People look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.*  
*Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.*  
*People look east and sing today. Love, the Guest, is on the way.*  
*Stars keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim.*  
*Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.*  
*People look east and sing today. Love, the Star, is on the way.*  
*Angels announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.*  
*Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming.*  
*People look east and sing today. Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

*On December five and twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum!*  
*Now we all our voices raise, singing songs of joyful praise.*  
*Celebrate the song and story, all the wonders of His glory, Fum, Fum, Fum!*

Hymn 134 *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

\*Benediction  
**May the love of God go with you from this place.**  
**May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

\*Postlude *Masters In This Hall* arr. Young

\*Please Stand

**Chamber Orchestra**

Cathy Arps-violin  
Libba Brockman-flute  
Rose Brostic-violin  
Jane Fanning-violin  
Nancy Miller-guitar

**Sanctuary Choir**

Frela Beck  
Mark Brannon  
Drew Campbell  
Becky Claxton  
Jessica Cline  
George Evans  
Jim Ewing  
Stephen Findlay  
Susie Jordan  
Ann Lloyd  
Linda Mitchell  
Joan Parks  
Carol Sussman

**Narrator**

Martha Faye Rich

## Mission Statement of The Bryson City Presbyterian Church

***We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we...***

***Engage*** and encourage one another in worship and fellowship

***Learn*** together as we grow in discipleship and

***Reach*** out in love

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### After Worship Today

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall  
to celebrate Jean Douthit's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast**

### Holiday Happenings

**DECEMBER 19** 6:30 PM

Children's Christmas Drama & Supper  
Bring Your "Angel" Gift

**DECEMBER 24** 7 PM

Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast

**DECEMBER 24**

Office Closed until January 2, 2019

YTD Income	130,522
YTD Expenses	<u>130,219</u>
Net	303

#### BCPC Elders

Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Becky Claxton, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Bob Jordan

#### BCPC Staff

Pastor – Rev. Terry Hanna; Minister of Music – Rev. Rachel Lackey;

Administrative Assistant – Lori Anderson; Nursery – Josie Parker; Custodian – Renee Mercer