

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
**December 17, 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**“Joy”**

---

**Gathering of God’s People**

Prelude                      A Celtic Christmas Overture                      arr. Shackley  
Processional Hymn 140                      Once in Royal David’s City                      IRBY  
Lighting the Flame of Joy                      George & Cathy Evans  
A Reading                      Isaiah 61: 10-11  
Musical Response

(Response) ***Lighting the flame of joy today, eagerly we watch and pray.  
Savior, Redeemer, come to earth! We await Your humble birth.***

Morning Prayer  
God of hope, when your Son Jesus was born of Mary, tyrants ruled, and the people were afraid. But you love justice; you bring peace in the midst of great trouble and strife. Free us from fear; bring us to your joy. Hear our prayers and accept our thanksgiving. Make us ready for the coming of Christ Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**Tapestry of Light**  
**A Celtic Christmas Celebration**  
by Joseph Martin

Carols of Hope and Light  
Longing for the Light                      Mark Brannon and George Evans, soloists  
An Advent Garden  
The Holy Child of Mary  
O Wondrous Night                      Terry Palmatier, soloist  
A Celtic Noel  
Carols of the Quest

A Celtic Gloria  
Bethlehem Light                      Linda Mitchell, soloist  
Carols of Celebration

**Responding to the Word**

Offertory                      Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance                      arr. Young  
\*Doxology                      # 606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
\*Hymn 119                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing                      MENDELSSOHN  
\*Benediction  
May the Spirit of PEACE surround you, as we walk and wait for his coming.  
**May the love of God go with you from this place.**  
**May your hours and days show forth His praise.**  
\*Postlude                      Paean on “Joy to the World”                      arr. Lasky  
\*Please stand if able

---

**Sanctuary Choir**  
Rachel Lackey, Director

Frela Beck	George Evans
Mark Brannon	Jim Ewing
Frank Calhoun	Sue Jordan
Drew Campbell	Ann Lloyd
Becky Claxton	Linda Mitchell
Jessica Cline	Terry Palmatier
Joan Parks	

**Instrumental Ensemble**  
Ivan Gibby-Piano  
Libba Brockman-Flute  
Cathy Arps and Rose Brostic-Violin  
George Evans-Percussion

Buddy Parton-Narrator

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

Children's Christmas Program

"The Gift of the Nativity"

and

Spaghetti Dinner



### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m.**

Christmas Eve Service

with

Communion



**7:00 p.m.**

Moravian Love Feast

with

Lessons, Carols & Candlelight



**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Merry  
Christmas*

**Office closed December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>**

---

#### **Bryson City Presbyterian Church**

311 Everett Street, PO Box 549, Bryson City, NC 28713

828-488-2480

Email-BCPC@bcpcusa.org; Website-www.bcpcusa.org

Facebook-www.facebook.com/BrysonCityPresbyterianChurch

BCPC Staff

Pastor – Rev. Terry Hanna; Minister of Music – Rev. Rachel Lackey;  
Administrative Assistant – Tracy Folger; Custodian – Renee Mercer; Nursery – Josie Parker