

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
December 23, 2018 – 4th Sunday in Advent - Love

Prelude *Away In a Manger* Hand Chime Choir

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 80: 3
Restore us, O God;
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Lighting the Flame of Love Advent 4 Dan Manley & Jackie Rieser

1. Kin - dle this flame of love. May it burn bright and true.
2. God's realm is our de - sire, where peace and jus - tice reign.

Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.
Hea - ven and earth com - bined as one, when Christ shall come a - gain.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 183 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Almighty God, our days have been spent preparing for your coming. We've cleaned and decorated, shopped and cooked, waiting for your arrival. Today we hunger for your love. Forgive us if we have been too loud to hear your voice. Forgive us if we have been too busy to welcome you home. May your presence lean towards us in the quiet of this moment, and may you be born again in us. HEAR OUR PRAYERS. (Silent Prayers)

Assurance of Pardon
Friends, hear the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria 580
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Story Time

*Hymn of Meditation 145 *What Child Is This?* GREENSLEEVES

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering & Offertory *Gesu Bambino* Yon

*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

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child* arr. Leavitt

Scripture John 1: 1-14
Communion Meditation "A Light in the Darkness" Rev. Terry L. Hanna

Responding to the Word

Communion Hymn 128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY

**The Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Hymn of Commitment 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

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

*Postlude *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Young
*Please Stand

Upcoming Events

Holiday Happenings



DECEMBER 24 **7 PM**
Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast

**WELCOME! To our newest member,
Christina Hudson – and children
Christina & Sebern**

49 Kirkland Branch Rd
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DECEMBER 24

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Merry Christmas!

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