

Bryson City Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Young

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship Thom Shuman- Iona

In snow-capped mountain churches,

we gather in joy to celebrate a birth.

With hope littering our hearts like wrapping paper under a tree,

we offer our thanks and praise for the gift of grace swaddled in love.

With eyes wide open like little children and hearts full of wonder and delight,

we join our lives with Mary and Joseph,

with the shepherds who ran to tell the good news. LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

Lighting the flame of the Christ Candle

Reading from Isaiah 52: 7-10

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Manger-dwelling God, we hear the songs of angels, yet we easily tune out the cries of the needy. We feel the breath of our children on our faces, yet we remain untouched by your Spirit of peace. We are surrounded by your gifts, yet we have trouble sharing our gifts with others. Forgive us. Hear our prayers. (Silent prayers.)

Assurance of Pardon

Born that day was grace- for the broken and bereft. Born that day was hope- for the vulnerable and forgotten. Born that day was love- for all of us. Friends, hear the good news-

in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria purple # 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 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* arr. Caudil
with The First Noel

*Doxology purple # 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 *What Child Is This?* arr. Archer

Scripture Hebrews 1: 1-4
Sermon "A Message for a New Year" Rev. Terry L. Hanna

Responding to the Word

Sending

Let us go,

to join the angels in singing of God's glory and grace.

Let us go,

to share the good news that Jesus is the friend of the vulnerable and forgotten.

Let us go,

to offer peace and goodwill to all, telling all we have seen and heard. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment 136 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

*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 if able

The 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

Office closed on Monday, January 1st

New Year's Day

Looking Ahead

WORSHIP

Epiphany and Communion
on **January 7th**

DISCIPLESHIP

A Study of
The Great Spiritual Migration

by

Brian McLaren

will begin on

Sunday morning, **January 7th, 10:00 a.m.**

(The Hut)

*"What You've Always Wanted to Know
about Presbyterians but were Afraid to Ask"*

New members, visitors, and anyone else interested...

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

at **10:00 a.m.**

CALENDAR

New Elders meet on **January 8th, 6:00 p.m.**,

for Dinner and Retreat

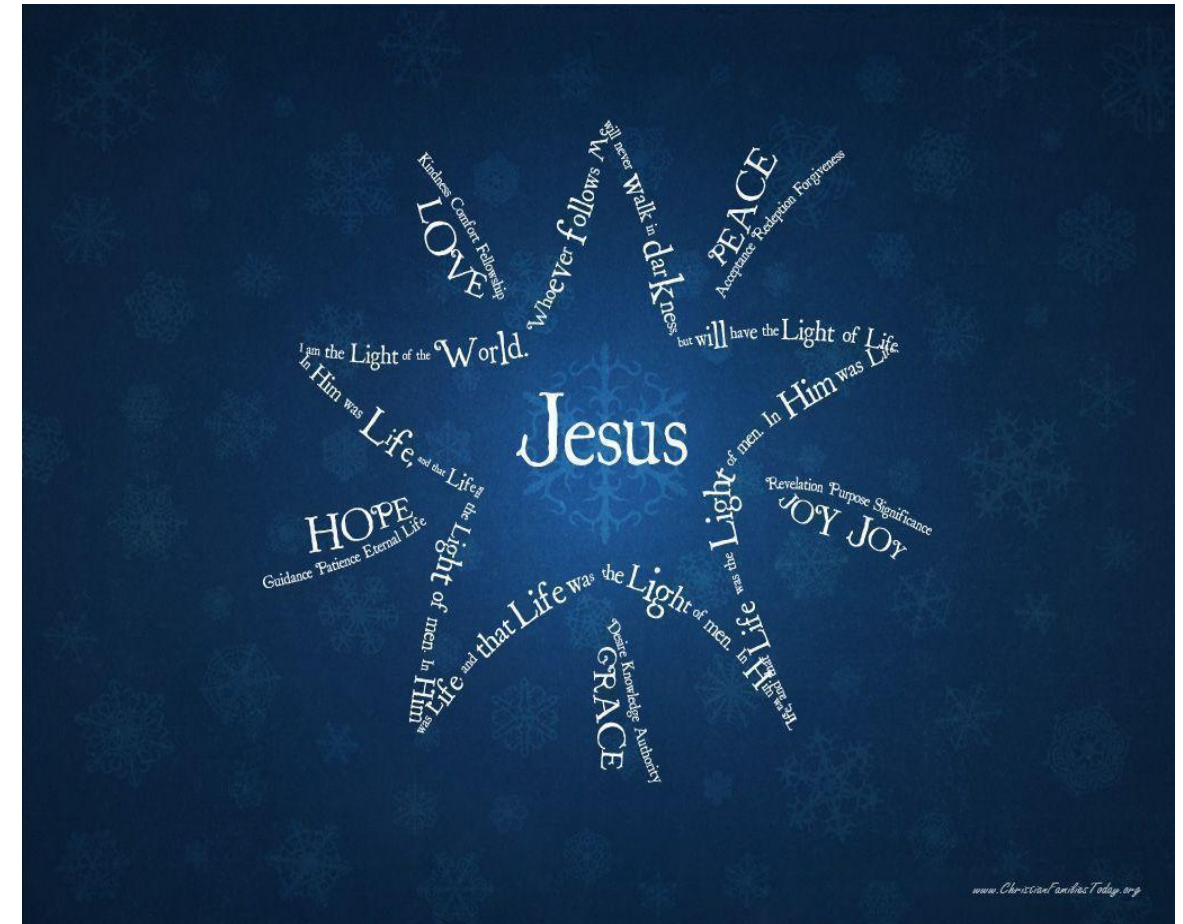
(Fellowship Hall)

BCPC Elders

Collin Caldwell, Terry Palmatier, Drew Campbell,
Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Bob Jordan

BCPC Staff

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



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