

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
December 9, 2018 – 2nd Sunday in Advent - Peace

Prelude *Away in a Manger Medley* Hand Chime Choir

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship Luke 3: 1-6
John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.
Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

Lighting the Flame of Peace Advent 2 Martha Faye Rich

1. Kin - dle this flame of peace. 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.

WORDS: Gary L. Lake Dillensnyder, 2009
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise #106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDEN

Prayer of Confession (unison) Malachi 3:1-4
Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. HEAR OUR PRAYERS. (Silent Prayers)

Assurance of Pardon
Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace, let us share that peace with one another.
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 #129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ROS'

Scripture Reading Luke 3: 1-6

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 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Shackley

*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 *People Look East* arr. Leavitt

Scripture Luke 1: 68-79
Sermon "Zechariah's Song" Rev. Terry L. Hanna

Responding to the Word

Prayer of Praise (unison)
O God, you are a refining fire and a purifying agent. We praise you that in Christ you make us whole again. We gather to hear his coming announced, and anxiously wait the dawn of your redeeming grace. Fill our mouths with laughter at the prospect of our liberation, and our tongues with shouts of joy at the news of our redemption. You continue to do great things for us, O God. Therefore we leave this place singing.

*Hymn of Commitment #96 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

*Charge Philippians 1:6
I am confident of this: that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare the way of the Lord!

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

*Postlude *Ding Dong Merrily on High* arr. Young

*Please Stand

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday (December 16th) – Christmas Cantata

After Worship

Please join us to celebrate Jean Douthit's 90th Birthday



Wednesday, December 12th & 19th

11:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study

Everyone Welcome

Thursday, December 13th

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Holiday Happenings

DECEMBER 16

10 AM

During Sunday School - Children's practice time for the Christmas Drama

DECEMBER 13

12 NOON

PW Christmas Potluck Dinner at Jessie Greyer's Home

DECEMBER 16

11 AM

Christmas Cantata

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	129,011
YTD Expenses	<u>126,393</u>
Net	2,618

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