

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *God, Creator, Be Our Stay* Manz

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.
Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.
God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.
That we may share God's love and life and be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.
The living Christ is with us.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 837 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We admit we are hesitant to trust our lives to you, O God.
In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today,
we race by your moments of silence, of learning.
In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us,
we may miss that assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace.
In the deserts of our desires,
we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us.

(silent prayers)

Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls.
In humility, we may offer our lives to others,
in love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet,
in hope, may we wait for you all our days,
as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria #579
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.

*Hymn of Meditation 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

Pastoral Prayer and 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 *O Rest in the Lord from Elijah* Mendelssohn/Sandom

*Doxology #592
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 *A Clean Heart* Harlan

Scripture Luke 2: 41-52
Sermon *Letting Go Into God's Arms* Rev. Margie Stansell

Responding to the Word

*A Brief Statement of Faith #1-6 (unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

*Benediction

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

*Postlude *Toccata on "Kirken"* arr. Young

*Please stand, if able.

Pastor Terry will be back from vacation next Sunday.

Thank you to Rev. Margie Stansell, interim pastor for the UKirk Ministry on the campus of WCU, for leading worship today.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 28th

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

“Six and One”

No Confirmation class this evening

6:30 p.m. Soup, Salad, and Bread Supper

(thanks to Mountain Perks and Julia Hunt)

Thursday, March 1st

8am Men’s Breakfast at the iron Skillet

Looking Ahead

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 25th

11:00 a.m. Cantata – *“The Road to Holy Week”*

Monday, March 26th

12:00 p.m. Holy Week lunches begin at First Baptist Church
(today is BCPC’s day)

Thursday, March 29th

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 1st

9:00 a.m. Worship in the courtyard

9:45 a.m. Pancake breakfast
(Easter egg hunt)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship



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