

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**

**January 7, 2018**

**Epiphany Sunday**

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**Gathering Together**

Prelude

Ivan Gibby

**Preparing for the Word of God**

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)  
Come all who have seen the light of the star.  
Come and seek the Prince of Peace, the hope of all the earth.

\*Hymn of Praise 150

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of love, you watch in sorrow as nation rises up against nation,  
As brothers and sisters live in strife.**

**Forgive us for tolerating injustice.**

**Forgive us for the fear that leads to hate.**

**Forgive us when we fail to lead the way to peace.**

**Guide us by your light to the dawn of Christ's reign of peace,**

**Where strangers bearing gifts meet to worship Christ our Lord.**

**HEAR OUR PRAYERS.** (time for silence)

Words of Assurance

God's mercy falls on us like rain on the mown grass, like showers  
that water the earth. Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel,  
**in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

\*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 151

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Reading from the scriptures

Hebrews 1: 1-4

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

\*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.

**The Word Proclaimed**

Anthem

What Child Is This?

arr. Malcolm Archer

Scripture and Meditation

*"Baptism of the Lord"*

Mark 1: 9-11  
Rev. Terry Hanna

**Responding to the Word**

Communion and Renewal of Baptism

Invitation

But now thus says the Lord, the One who created you:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine. (based on Isaiah 43:1)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Bread and Cup

(Come to the table, lay down your prayers, and take of the bread and cup)

\*Prayer of Commitment

**God of grace, we have seen the rising of your light and we will follow it with joy:  
Lead us to the One who rules in love. Guide us to the place where peace abounds.  
Show us the way to your justice and mercy. Direct our journeys to the birthplace  
of your truth. In the name of Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Commitment 482

Baptized in Water

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\*Benediction

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

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able

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**Thank you to Ivan Gibby for playing the organ today!**

**Our Life Together**

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Session Retreat and Dinner  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. Bible Study  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at The Iron Skillet

1:00 p.m. *Presbyterian Women* meet  
(The Hut)

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

A Study of  
The Great Spiritual Migration  
by Brian McLaren  
meets at 10:00 a.m., in The Hut

BCPC Elders

Terry Palmatier; Collin Caldwell; Drew Campbell;

Kyle Colley; Cathy Evans; Bob Jordan

BCPC Staff

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