

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: Again, I will say “Rejoice!”

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy!

People: God is with us. The Lord is near.

All: Let us worship God!

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMN 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commandments. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the one who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*GLORIA 113 (chorus)

Glo- - - -ria in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo!

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

A Blest Messiah Born
The Christmas Story Through Timeless Carols
Larry Shackley

Fanfare / The Wexford Carol	Narration I
Of the Father’s Love Begotten	Narration II
Gabriel’s Message	Narration III
Interlude I	
The Friendly Beasts	Narration IV
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming	
Interlude II	
Ding Dong! Merrily on High	
Interlude III	
What Child Is This?	Narration V
What Star is This, With Beams so Bright?	Narration VI
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	
(Congregation join on verses 1 and 3 when indicated)	

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2. Choir

* 3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

THE SENDING

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

*Rise in body or spirit.

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Leading in worship today:

Pastor
Rev. Beth Newman

Choir Director
Kathy Wiggins

Sanctuary Choir
Sopranos
Annette Husson, Sue Jordan, Joan Parks, Carol Sussman, Ann Yaun

Altos
Frela Beck, Ann Llyod, Diana Ranson

Baritones
Mark Brannon, Ben Harrison, Ron Miller

Narrators
Bill Helwig, Martha Rich

Musicians
Kathy Wiggins - Piano
Katherine Whitehouse - Flute
Sophie Pratt - Flute
Jaden Brown - Trumpet
Zach Heller - Percussion

Sound
Tony Monnat

Elder of the Month
Dan Manley

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshiping here for the first time today, Welcome! We are glad to have you join in our worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. It is also on Facebook Live Stream.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Starting Sunday, January 12th Pastor Beth will be leading a class on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. called “The Practice of Joy”. This class will be discussion based and open to any adult or teen who would like to come. If you haven’t been to church school in a while, please think about joining us.

LOVE GIFT: One of our Christmas traditions is a Love Gift for our church staff. If you would like to make a donation please make a note either in the memo line on your check or on the offering envelope “ Love Gift”.

ADVENT SCHEDULE



- Sunday, December 15th - Christmas Cantata at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 22nd - Christmas Caroling 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 24th - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast
 - Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day
- Sunday, December 29th at 11:00 a.m. - Casual Lessons and Carols
- Sunday, January 5th - Celebration of Epiphany and Sharing of Star Words



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Bryson City Presbyterian Church December 15, 2024



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Mission Statement of 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.