

Bryson City Presbyterian Church

December 27, 2020

First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Young

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship arr. Lanier
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Call to Worship Psalm 89
I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever. I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
You said, "I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."
Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day
Your steadfast love endures forever, O God; your name is heralded throughout the land. Songs of rejoicing are heard in your sanctuary and hymns of praise proceed from our mouths. You fill your people with the gift of the Holy Spirit, you send forth a Savior with the promise of new life. You are our God, and great are your wonderful deeds. We worship you now in great adoration.

Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Musical Meditation arr. Behnke
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Sermon *What's in a Name?* Rev. Beth Newman

Pastoral 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.

Closing Hymn *What Child Is This?* GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;

come, one and all, to own him.

The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

(Worshippers are invited to sing at home.)

Sending

Choral 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

The Prayer of the Day is from *When We Gather* by James G. Kirk.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Beth Newman-Transitional Pastor;

Rev. Rachel Lackey-Minister of Music;

Cathy Arps & Becky Claxton-Musicians, BCPC Hand Chime Choir

The Mission 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.

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For unto us
a child
is born,
to us
a son is given
Isaiah 9:6

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