

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
**December 5, 2021-Second Sunday of Advent**

Welcome

Prelude *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Mansfield

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace Larysa and Randy Bumgarner

Leader: God of hope, Prince of Peace, you speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.

**People: God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light; we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings. Smooth down the mountains of our pride and lift up the valleys of our doubts. Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again. Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom. Amen.**

Time for the Child in Us All

First Scripture Reading Malachi 3: 1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading Luke 1: 68-79

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Prepare the Way* Rev. Beth Newman

Musical Meditation *Gesu Bambino* Yon

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: I hear a voice in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

**People: I believe every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low. I believe the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain. I believe the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

The Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offertory *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Hayes

Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn 106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDEN FOR HERRAN

\*Sending

\*Choral Benediction

**May the love of God go with you from this place.**

**May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

\*Postlude *Masters in This Hall* arr. Young

\*Please stand if able

The Advent Candle Lighting liturgy is from the Office of Theology and Worship, PC(USA). The Prayer of Confession is from Ministry Matters, and the Affirmation of Faith is from The Complete Library of Christian Worship, Robert E. Webber, General Editor.

Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Kyle Colley, Elder of the Month; Ann Yaun and Libba Brockman, Musicians

## 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.*

### Announcements

The next Crochet & Coffee gathering will be on Monday, December 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Angel Tree Christmas gifts are due back on Sunday, December 12.

The BCPC Presbyterian Women Cookie Exchange will be on Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00 in the Hut.

The Christmas Pageant and Spaghetti Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



### YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$ 120,878
Operating Expenses	\$ 104,966
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 15,912
Manse Renovation Expense	\$ 21,814
Excess/Deficit	\$ (5,902)

### BCPC Elders

Mark Brannon, Collin Caldwell, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans,  
Dawn Letterman, Joan Parks, Carol Sussman

### BCPC Staff

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Beth Newman  
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