

Bryson City Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Celtic Duo

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Light one candle for peace.

Because the world is broken and the wait is long,
but we refuse to be frozen by fear.

Peace comes in fits and starts
a deep breath
a courageous truth
a humble heart.

“Prepare the way,” she whispers,

“for the Lord comes to make the broken whole.”

So we light one candle, because it only takes one:
Christ with us.

One Candle is Lit

Come quickly, Shalom, teach us how to prepare

For the gift that compels us with justice to care.

Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.

One candle is lit for the reign of God’s peace.

(Worshippers are invited to sing to the tune of *Away In a Manger*.)

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 1: 1-8

Musical Meditation

Celtic Duo

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Sermon *Prepare the Way* Rev. Beth Newman

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sending

Choral Benediction

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

May your hours and days show forth His praise.

Postlude *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* Celtic Duo

The Prayer of the Day is from the
Book of Common Worship.

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.

Please remember our church during this difficult time.

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If you're more comfortable mailing a check, please mail it to BCPC, PO Box 549, Bryson City, NC 28713

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