

Service for the Lord's Day

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Family of faith, God is at work!

People: God is healing and creating,

Leader: Redeeming and dreaming,

People: Calling and sending,

Leader: Listening and loving.

People: Yes indeed, God is at work!

Leader: So may we worship our God who never gives up.

People: May we worship our God who holds on to hope.

All: Let us worship God!

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Frela Beck & Barbara Sherwood

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On-the-move God, we have every reason to hold onto hope. We have every reason to believe that spring will come, that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise. And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers. With anxious hearts we cry out to you, “Will change ever come? Will things ever get better? Will I ever make a difference?” Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is shining. Show us the places where you are on the move. With open hearts we pray. 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!

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:19-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Are You The One Who Is To Come?

Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

An Advent Garden

Tapestry of Light

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 609

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus, fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia alleluia!

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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.

*POSTLUDE

*Rise in body or spirit

Leading in worship today:
Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman
Music Director: Kathy Wiggins
Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse
Elder of the Month: Lisa Monnat

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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.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Pastor Beth leads a class on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. This class is discussion-based and open to any adult or teen who would like to come.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study is at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Coffee and fellowship will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship service today.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Hut. This is their annual Cookie Swap meeting.

POTLUCK: There will be a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS: If you would like to order a poinsetta in memory or honor of someone please complete and return the order form before Sunday, December 14th.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY: There is a Flower Chart in the narthex. If you would like to bring flowers for our Sanctuary, please write the date, your name, and telephone number under the month.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome. Please join us!

Christmas Cantata Practice - Sunday, 9:00 am

Sunday Morning Class - There will be a class every Sunday morning in the Hut from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Back Porch Bible Study - Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Rich. For more information, call Martha at 770-851-6852.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Parlor.

Session Meeting - The third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Women’s Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Mountain Perks except for the second Thursday of each month when the location will be decided on.

Men’s Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Daily Change Offering - Every second Sunday of each month.

Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch, and have fellowship.

Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

Food Pantry - Every Monday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and every Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Welcome Wednesdays - The Food Pantry distributes every other Wednesday at the Church for anyone who wishes to pick up food.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Also, in the Fellowship Hall the last Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

“Feed My Sheep” - Food and Worship in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday from 3:00 to 6:30 pm.



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BCPC Elders: Patty Ambrosino (Church Grounds), Sammi Birchfield (Discipleship & Community Outreach), Randy Bumgarner (Building & Grounds), Bill Helwig (Worship Committee), Bob Jordan (Building & Grounds), Dan Manley (Clerk), Lisa Monnat (Personnel), Martha Rich (Congregational Life), Carol Sussman (Finance)

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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.