

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *We Are One in the Spirit* arr. Nelson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 37

Leader: Trust in the LORD, take delight in the LORD, commit your way to the LORD.

People: We trust in God who acts with justice and shines God's light.

Leader: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for God.

People: Our salvation comes from the LORD who is our refuge and our strength.

All: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcoming, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

PROCLAIMING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 45: 3-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6: 27-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Be Merciful* Rev. Beth Newman

MUSICAL MEDITATION *The Gift of Love* arr. Hopson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* arr. Line

PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

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 *All Are Welcome* Haugen

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Carol Sussman, Elder of the Month

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

Manna Community Market

The next Manna Community Market will be on Wednesday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of First Baptist Church. If you can volunteer to help, Please contact Dan Manley at 828-347-2093.

Ash Wednesday Service

March 2 at 6:00 p.m.

YTD Financials

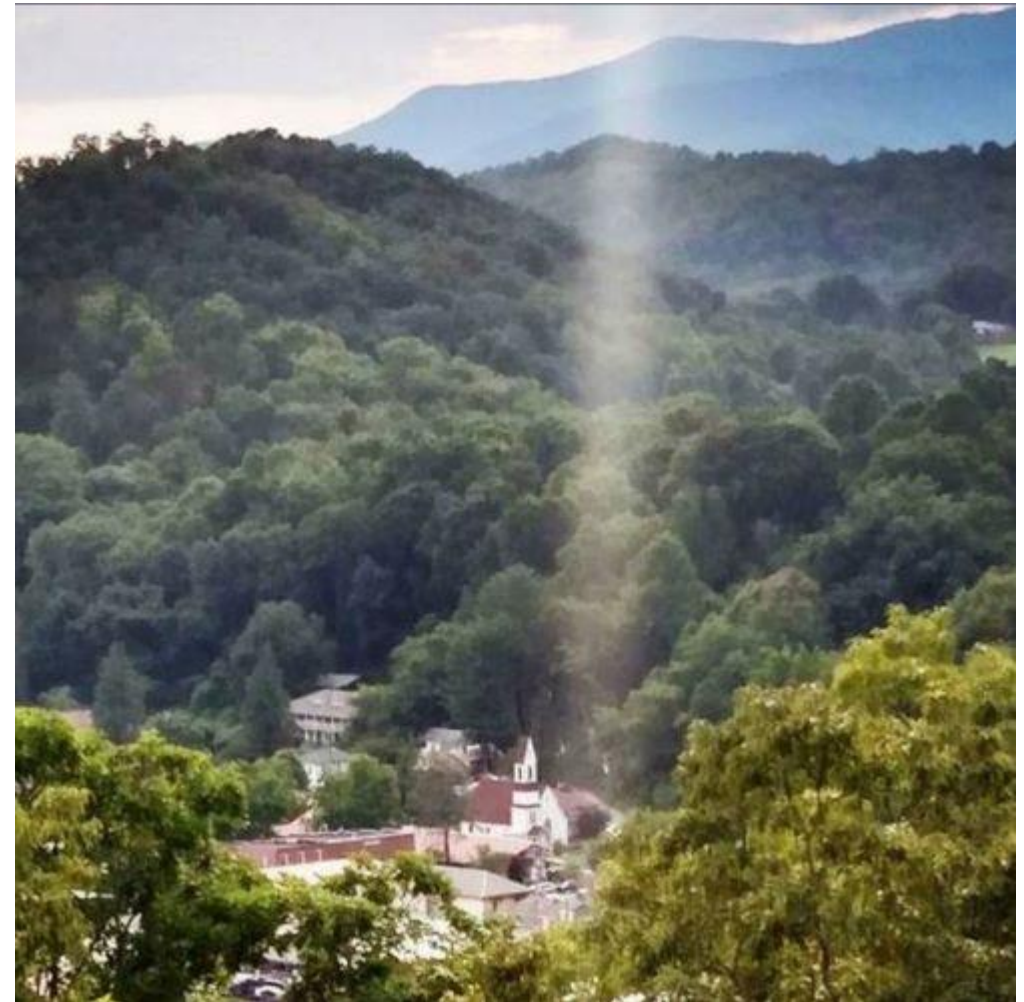
Unrestricted Giving	\$17,586
Operating Expenses	\$13,195
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 4,391
Manse Renovation Expense	\$ 6,030
Excess/Deficit	\$ (1,639)

BCPC Elders

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