

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church  
November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent**

Welcome

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Plainsong

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope Angie and Bill Helwig

Leader: Faithful God, out of death you bring life.  
Renew in us hope that we may be alert  
to the burgeoning of Christ's advent among us.

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

**All: Let us worship God.**

*Light the Advent Candle* arr. Schram

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

Time for the Child in Us All

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading Luke 21: 25-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *God's Timing* Rev. Beth Newman

Musical Meditation *Dona Nobis Pacem* arr. Myers

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God has come to us;  
that God brought us into being,  
that this God gave us breath and purpose,**

**that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,  
that we have fallen short of this commandment  
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;  
that God is not happy to leave us alone,  
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,  
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,  
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,  
that Jesus Christ will be born, and our salvation made complete.**

**We believe that God will come to us;  
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,  
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,  
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,  
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,  
and all will gather at the table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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.**

Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst

Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

\*Sending

\*Choral Benediction

**May the love of God go with you from this place.  
May your hours and days show forth His praise.**

\*Postlude *Postlude on a Ukrainian Carol* arr. Fedak

\*Please stand if able

The Prayer of Confession is from the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. The Affirmation of Faith was written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing.

**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 Manna Community Market will be on Wednesday, December 1 at 10:00 in the parking lot of First Baptist Church. If you are available to volunteer, please call Dan Manley at 828-347-2093.

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 will meet 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	\$ 118,646
Operating Expenses	\$ 100,933
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 17,713
Manse Renovation Expense	\$ 21,814
Excess/Deficit	\$ (4,101)

**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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