

## Bryson City Presbyterian Church

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

**Prelude**      *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*      arr. Behnke  
BCPC Hand Chime Choir

### Welcome

### The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Light one candle for hope.

Because the world is broken and the wait is long,

but hope just won't let go.

Hope holds space for all our longings

and lingers on the edge of harsh reality

like the dawn gently awakening the sky.

"Keep awake," she whispers,

"for the world is being made new."

So we light one candle, because it only takes one;

Christ with us.

*One Candle is Lighted*      Mary Anne Parrott

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night.

Our hearts long to greet you as roses the light.

Salvation draw near us, our vision engage,

One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

(Worshippers are invited to sing at home

to the tune of *Away In a Manger*.)

### Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give him praise; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Scripture**      Mark 13: 24-37

**Musical Meditation**      arr. Hayes

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**Sermon**      *Watch and Wait*      Rev. Beth Newman

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

### Pastoral 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.

### Sending

### Choral Benediction

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

May your hours and days show forth His praise.

**Postlude**      *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*      HYFRYDOL

(Worshippers are invited to sing at home.)

The Advent Candle liturgy was written by

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson.

The Prayer of the Day is taken 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.

Donations can be made online at

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There are also links on our Facebook page and website.

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

Thank you for helping to keep our church running so vital programs (Giving Spoon, Manna Pop Up Market, the Food Pantry & AA) can continue helping others.

#### YTD Financials

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#### BCPC Elders

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