

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Dona Nobis Pacem* Mozart

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kyle Colley & Martha Rich

*He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah forevermore.*

*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we sometimes doubt your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at last, you will gather us to you and give us your peace. Amen.

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (Sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mary Did You Know?* Lowry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Matthew 3: 1-12

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11: 1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Stumps and Shoots* Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Larson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.**

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

GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

*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 *Masters In This House* arr. Young

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Prayer of Confession adapted from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion" by Kimberly Long

Cover Art: *A Child Shall Lead Them* by Leslie Gwynn Garrity

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Minister of Music: Rev. Rachel Lackey

Elder of the Month: Collin Caldwell

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshipping 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 SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS: Middle and High School Sunday School has resumed with Amanda Caldwell leading discussion-based classes with videos from the Bible Project.

NURSERY: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

ADVENT: The Daily Advent Devotional booklets are located in a basket in the narthex.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service today for Coffee and Fellowship.

POINSETTIAS: It is time to order Christmas Poinsettias in honor/memory of a loved one. Orders need to be in by Sunday, December 4th.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a memorial service for Christina Hudson on Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. The service will be in the Sanctuary and the reception will be in the Fellowship Hall.

GIVING SPOON SURVEY: You can complete the Giving Spoon Survey and drop in the large basket under the name tag table in the narthex. The survey is also available online through the newsletter.

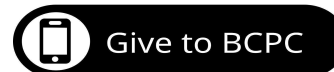
ADVENT BANNERS: Our new Advent banners are on display in the Sanctuary, a labor of love from many who helped over the past weeks bring them to fruition. A detailed description can be found in the narthex. Thanks to all who pitched in to make these beautiful banners possible.

ADVENT SCHEDULE



- Sunday, November 27th - First Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, December 11th - Return Angel Tree Gifts
- Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. - Christmas Cantata
- Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner & Christmas Pageant (Rehearsals will be on December 4th and 11th after worship and on December 14th at 5:30 p.m.)
- Sunday, December 18th - Lunch and Christmas Caroling after worship

- Friday, December 24th - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast
- Sunday, December 25th at 11:00 a.m. - Informal Worship



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Unrestricted Giving	\$129,704
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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.