

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Horton

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Patti and Corky Robison

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

*HYMN 104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* VALET GEBEN

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and your steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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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THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 122

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2: 1-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *In the Days to Come* Rev. Beth Newman

CHORAL ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* arr. Larson

*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!" Amen

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

GIVING THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Boatwright

*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

*HYMN 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING

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 *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* Blake

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Candle Lighting Liturgy by Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art; Confession from Feasting on the Word, Advent Companion; Affirmation by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

Cover Art: *Swords into Plowshares* by Hannah Garrity

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Minister of Music: Rev. Rachel Lackey

Elder of the Month: Dan Manley

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.

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

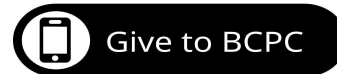
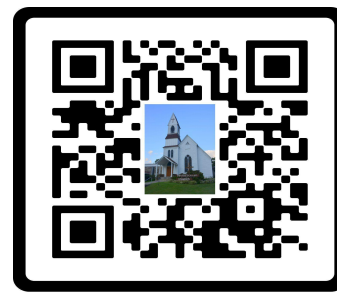
GIVING SPOON SURVEY: You can complete the Giving Spoon Survey and drop in the large basket under the name tag table in the narthex. The survey is also available online through the newsletter.

ADVENT BANNERS: Our new Advent banners are on display this morning, a labor of love from many who helped over the past weeks bring them to fruition. They are lace paper banners, and within the images you might find: Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, the Wise Men, a wolf and a lamb, the stump of Jesse, blooming crocuses, and pruning hooks being transformed into plowshares. A more 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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| Operating Expenses | \$119,250 |
| Operating Excess/Deficit | \$ 4,314 |
| Manse Donations | \$ 15,500 |
| Manse Renovation Expense | \$ 20,283 |
| Excess/Deficit | \$ (469) |

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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.