

**Bryson City Presbyterian Church**  
**December 12, 2021**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

Welcome

Prelude *What Star Is This With Beams So Bright* arr. Krug

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy The Monnat Family

Leader: Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid,  
for the LORD is my strength and my might.  
**People: God has become my salvation.**  
**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**  
**And you will say in that day:**  
**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!**  
**Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously!**  
**All: Let us worship God.**

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When our spirits despair and we deny our blessedness,  
**People: Forgive us, O God.**  
Leader: When we ignore the mighty things you have done,  
When we doubt your mercy,  
**People: Forgive us, O God.**  
Leader: When we are proud in the thoughts of our hearts,  
When our power rests on the oppression of others,  
When our wealth causes others to go hungry,  
**People: Forgive us, O God.**  
*Silence*  
**People: Help us, your servants,**  
**according to the promises you have made.**

Time for the Child in Us All

First Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3: 14-20

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

Second Scripture Reading Luke: 1: 39-55

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

Sermon *The Discipline of Joy* Rev. Beth Newman

Musical Meditation *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Behnke

A Scriptural Affirmation Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Life of Jim Ewing

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 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* arr. Behnke

Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn 145 *What Child Is This?* GREENSLEEVES

\*Sending

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

\*Postlude *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Young

\*Please stand if able

The Prayer of confession was written by Joanna Harader.

Leading in worship today: Rev. Beth Newman, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Rachel Lackey, Minister of Music; Collin Caldwell, Elder of the Day; Hand Chime Choir

## 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 BCPC Presbyterian Women Cookie Exchange will be on Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

The Christmas Pageant and Spaghetti Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Cantata & Caroling  
Sunday, December 19

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols and Moravian Love Feast  
5:00 p.m.

### YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$ 124,370
Operating Expenses	\$ 105,522
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 18,848
Manse Renovation Expense	\$ 21,814
Excess/Deficit	\$ (2,966)

### 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  
Minister of Music & Administrative Assistant– Rev. Rachel Lackey  
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