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.

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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

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

Luke: 1: 39-55

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

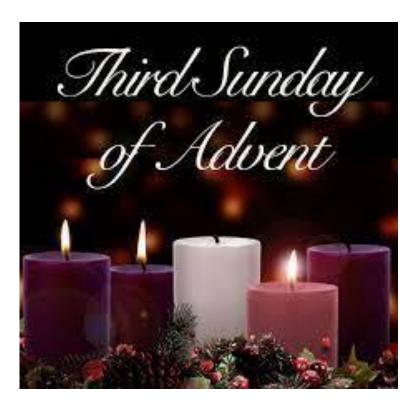
Unrestricted Giving	\$ 124,370
Operating Expenses	\$ 105,522
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 18,848
Manse Renovation Expense	\$ 21,814
Excess/Deficit	\$ (2,966)

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
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