

Please join us for the potluck **luncheon**
immediately after the service.

Services are held at 11:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Communion is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

The annual **Gymanfa Ganu** (hymn-singing festival)
is always on the 4th Sunday in June, starting at 2pm.

CALENDAR

14-Jan

11:00 AM worship service with Communion

28-Jan

Christmas Eve

11:00 AM worship service

1:00 PM quarterly Business Meeting

*The mission of Bryn Seion Welsh Church
is to serve God and the community
in accordance with the gospel of Jesus Christ,
while preserving the Welsh heritage of the region.*

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BRYN SEION WELSH CHURCH

A home for all who seek Christian worship, fellowship, and singing in the Welsh tradition

Rev. Aleida Jernigan

24 December 2017
4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve



BRYN SEION

*Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE Mary Reese

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Aleida Jernigan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 104* Janet/all

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works--

**who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

***HYMN 48** *Lo, How a Rose Er Blooming* all verses

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Four candles are lit during the responsive reading below

The Advent journey begins in darkness.

**We require darkness for birth and growth; the seed in
the ground, the seed in the womb, the seed in our souls.**

The journey continues with our desiring.

**What dreams have we buried? What wounds cry out for
healing? What longs to be born in us this season?**

Advent is also a season for getting ready for what lies ahead.

As we gaze at the horizon from which the Holy One will
appear, we are called to pay attention to the path as well.

**What way is being prepared within the wilderness of my
life? How does the path unfold before me and within me?**

If we become so consumed by getting Christmas right the
right presents, the right cards, the right menu we risk
missing the surprising ways that God prepares us in this
season.

**As we open to God's guiding in these Advent days, may
we discover that the space being prepared for the
coming birth lies within our own selves.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION all

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our
being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and
whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from
proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and
humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our
faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our
refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE minister

***HYMN 60** *Silent Night/ Dawl Nos* v-1 English, Welsh, seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Call for individual concerns minister

Pastoral prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(English, then Welsh)* all

OT READING Isaiah 9:2-7 Cyrilla

***HYMN 9** *O Come O Come Emmanuel* all verses

Psalm 96 Susan

***HYMN 41** *O Come All ye Faithful* v-1 English, Welsh

GOSPEL-1 Luke 2:1-12 Karl

***HYMN 43** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* v 1, 4, seated

GOSPEL-2 Luke 2:13-20 minister

***HYMN 22** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* v-1 English, Welsh

HOMILY Rev. Aleida Jernigan

OFFERING

***HYMN VI, DOXOLOGY:** *Yr Hen Ganfed* (Welsh only)

***HANDOUT** *Ar Hyd y Nos / All Through the Night* Welsh, English

***BENEDICTION** minister

***POSTLUDE**