

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 at every service, except during Advent.

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

CALENDAR

12-Jan

9:00 AM Budget Committee
11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion

26-Jan

11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion
1:00 PM **Annual Business Meeting: Elections/Budget**

*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. Kris Voss-Rothmeier

22 Dec 2019
4th Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Mary Reese

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

minister

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 80

Janet/ALL

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts,

your people have been fed with the bread of tears,
they have taken the cup of tears in full measure.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one
whom you made strong. We will never turn back from
you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Please stand if you are able

***HYMN 9** *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

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.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** **ALL**

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 3** *Comfort, Comfort You My People*

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 20 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* *seated*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Call for individual concerns minister

Pastoral prayer

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

READINGS Isaiah 7:10-16 **Cyrilla / Idris**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 **Susan**

Romans 1:1-7 **Karl**

Matthew 1:18-25 **minister**

SERMON Rev. Kris Voss-Rothmeier

OFFERING

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

***HYMN 12** *People Look East*

***BENEDICTION** minister

***POSTLUDE**