



THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015 – 7:00 PM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

Liturgist, Deb Lint

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Acolyte, Chase Stuchal

Call to Worship (*Psalm 96*)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity."

People: **For he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.**

*Hymn # 182

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace.
You came to show us mercy, but we are not merciful to
others. You came to establish justice, but we fail to seek
what is right. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your light shine
upon us to deliver us from evil and lead us in your holy
way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

***Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.***
Lighting of the Advent Candle The Borbonus Family
***Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

*Sharing of the Peace

Hymn # 218 vs. 1 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

The Christmas Story

~told~

"Through the Eyes of a Child"

Welcome - Danica Marsh

Part 1

Shakira McKinney, Taylor Duffey, Brylea Borbonus,
Austin Baker, Willow Weimer, Cole Stuchal, Chase Stuchal,
Shakira McKinney, Taylor Duffey

Hymn #154 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Part 2

Brylea Borbonus, Austin Baker, Willow Weimer,
Cole Stuchal, Chase Stuchal

Hymn # 180 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Part 3

Shakira McKinney, Taylor Duffey

Hymn #203 *"Away in a Manger"*

Part 4

Brylea Borbonus, Austin Baker, Willow Weimer,
Cole Stuchal, Chase Stuchal

Hymn # 229 *"The First Noel"*

Part 5

Shakira McKinney, Taylor Duffey, Brylea Borbonus, Austin Baker

Hymn #188 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Part 6

Willow Weimer, Cole Stuchal, Chase Stuchal, Shakira McKinney

Hymn #179 *"Joy to the World!"*

Part 7

Taylor Duffey, Brylea Borbonus, Austin Baker, Willow Weimer

Closing – John Bruner

Hymn #218 vs. 3 *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

Ministry of Giving

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 184 *"What Child Is This"*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

(Congregation will sing once all candles are lit)

*Hymn # 186 *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

*Go in Peace!

*Postlude

Candles are lit by turning the bottom clockwise. Please wait until the elder moves to your pew to turn on your light. As you look to your neighbor say, "May the light of Christ be in your heart." Then turn on your candle.

The Office will be closed Friday and Monday for the Christmas holiday. Next week we will have abbreviated hours. Please call before you stop.