

“An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.”

Matthew 2:13



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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January 1, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Song of Preparation *“Away in a Manger”* Handbell Trio
arr. Linda R. Lamb

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *“The Little Drummer Boy”* Brennan Borbonus

Lighting of the Candles

Introit *“Stay with Me, Lord Jesus, Stay”* Matthew Cyphert

Call to Worship (*Psalm 148*)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him,
all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

**People: He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

*Hymn # 198 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

*Prayer of Confession

**God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love.
We forget your great mercy and seek out other saviors. We
allow violence to continue and ignore those who weep. Forgive
us, loving God. Make us sisters and brothers, sharing with all
your children good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson	Hebrews 2:10-18 (pg. 219 of NT)
Special Music	<i>"The Lord's Prayer"</i> Matthew Cyphert
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 2:13-23 (pg. 2 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith *(Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

- *Hymn # 225 *"I Wonder as I Wander"*
- Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Offertory *"O Holy Night"* Eli Borbonus
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication

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

- *Benediction

- *Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand.)*

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Handbell Trio, Bill & Vicky Westley and Amy Yackuboskey; Ushers, Ken Doak, Kayla and Joan Moran; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex Baker; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, January 3rd from 12:00-1:00 p.m. from Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Deacons are encouraged to attend for the planning of 2017 committees and officers.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 5th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group.

CPR TRAINING is being coordinated by the Deacons. If you are interested in attending a training event, please call the church office at 724-459-7991 or see Susie Cotti. The date will be set according to the availability of attendees.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2016 will be reviewed. The 2017 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please let Pastor Monroe know by Sunday, January 15th so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. They have been placed in alphabetical order for your convenience. If we missed you or you would like to have envelopes, please contact the church office, 724-459-7991 or drop a note in the offering plate.

THE OFFICE will be closed Monday, January 2nd for the New Year holiday.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning next Sunday, January 8th through Sunday, January 15th. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

THE 2017 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 22nd. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th immediately following worship.

*To the Session and Congregation,
Thank you for your kindness at Christmas and throughout the year.
We are each blessed to be able to minister in our various ways in the church. We look forward to a blessed and happy New Year in 2017!
The Staff, Cindy, Jill, Marilyn, Peg, and Sandy*

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2017

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship <i>Happy New Year!</i>
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall <i>The office will be closed.</i>
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion <i>Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons</i> Family Promise begins