



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 – 11:00 PM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Preludes

"O Come, Christmas Joy"

arr. Linda R. Lamb

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

arr. Michael Mazzatenta

Handbell Choir – Vicky Westley, Director

"O Holy Night"

Organist, Marilyn Neal – Pianist, Cindy Borbonus

Lighting of the Candles

Acolyte, Tom Holby

Choral Introit

"Joy to the World"

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 Candles The Clayton family

**Joy to the earth! 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

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 638 of OT)

Anthem *"In the Stillness"*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-20 (pg. 58 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

(Apostles' Creed)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Danielle & Matthew Cyphert

*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)

Special Music *"Precious Promise"* Nightengals

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

Special Music *"King of Kings"* Nightengals

Prayer after Communion

Bell Choir *"Silent Night"*

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

(Congregation will sing once all candles are lit)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Remember to light candles by tipping the unlit candle toward the lit candle.

The Worship Assistants for this evening's service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Ushers, Nancy Boone, Julia Holby, Tom Holby and Naomi Sigafos; Special Music, Danielle and Matthew Cypert and the Nightengals; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Handbell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and Organist, Marilyn Neal.

The office will be closed the remainder of this week and Monday. We will have abbreviated office hours next week. If you have a need, please call the church before you stop.

Pastor Tim and Bobbi will be out of town for the holiday. In the event of an emergency, Pastor Tim may be contacted at 717-755-0223. You may also call the church and leave a message.