## THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

## *Christmas Eve* December 24, 2016 – 11:00 PM **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Preludes

"O Come, Christmas Joy" arr. Linda R. Lamb

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* arr. Michael Mazzatenta Handbell Choir – Vicky Westley, Director

InterludeOrganist, Marilyn NealWords of GreetingBobbi Monroe, LiturgistLeader: The Lord be with youPeople: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Special M	usic "O Holy Night"	Matthew Cyphert	
Lighting	g of the Candles	Acolyte, Danica Marsh	
Call to Wo	orship (Psalm 96)		
Leader:	O sing to the Lord a new song;		
	sing to the Lord, all the earth	l.	
People:	Sing to the Lord, bless his nam	ne;	
tell of his salvation from day to day.			
Declare his glory among the nations,			
	his marvelous works amon	g all the peoples.	
Leader:	Say among the nations, "The Lo	rd is king!	
	The world is firmly established	d;	
	it shall never be moved.		
	He will judge the peoples with e	1 0	
People:	Let the heavens be glad, and le	et the earth rejoice;	
	let the sea roar, and all that f	fills it;	
Leader:	Let the field exult, and everythin	ig in it.	
	Then shall all the trees of the f	orest	
	sing for joy before the Lord; for	he is coming,	
People:	For he is coming to judge the e	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-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, loving God. Take away the burden of our sin and teach us the song of salvation: good news of great joy in 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 Marsh 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**

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Anthem "Lo, How, a Rose E'er Blooming"	em "Lo, How, a Rose E'er Blooming"		
Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director			
Betsy Holby, flutist			
New Testament Lesson Luke 2:1-10 (pg. 58 c	of NT)		
Sermon Rev. Timothy M	onroe		

#### **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 "Sleep Holy Child" Nightengals Offertory \*Doxology \*Prayer of Dedication \*Hymn #180, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 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*) "Not So Silent Night" **Special Music** Nightengals (Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together) Prayer after Communion Bell Choir "Silent Night" #186, "Silent Night! Holy Night!" \*Hymn (Congregation will sing once all candles are lit) \*Benediction

\*Postlude

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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, Gary Boone, Shane Boone, Julia Holby, and Tom Holby; Special Music, Matthew Cypert and the Nightengals; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Handbell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and Organist, Marilyn Neal.
- Thank you to the Bell Choir for your commitment to preparing for Christmas Eve. Also, we would like to welcome our newest member, Bob Cosharek. The Bell Choir members are: Cindy Borbonus, Connie Bruner, Elizabeth Bruner, Bob Cosharek, Bonni Dunlap, Beverly Lindsey, Bobbi Monroe, Tim Monroe, Bill Westley and Amy Yackuboskey and is directed by Vicky Westley.
- The office will have abbreviated hours next week. If you have a need, please call the church before you stop.

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