

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2016 – 7:00 PM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Organist, Marilyn Neal

Lighting of the Candles

Acolyte, Danica Marsh

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

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: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

Leader: Let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest
sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming,

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

*Hymn # 188, “*Angels We Have Heard on High*”

*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.**



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

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*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 Bruner 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

“Oh Come Little Children” – “Emmanuel”

The First Noel

Brylea Borbonus, Emry Borbonus, John Clark Bruner,
Danica Marsh, Willow Weimer

Poem “On the Night You Were Born” Elizabeth Bruner

Sign a Song “Mary, Did You Know?” Abigail Bruner

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

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

Message Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

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

*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 Office will have abbreviated hours next week. Please call before you stop.