

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 25, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

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

Call to Worship (*Luke 2:15-20*)

Leader: When the angels had left them, the shepherds said,
“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has
taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

**People: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.**

Leader: When they saw this, they made known what had been
told them about this child;

**People: And all who heard it were amazed at what
the shepherds told them.**

Leader: But Mary treasured all these words and pondered
them in her heart.

**People: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had seen and heard.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 180

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

CAROL

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 154

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah*

CAROL

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” # 191

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation*

CAROL

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” # 190

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child*

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” # 185

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem
where Mary gives birth to her child*

CAROL

“Away in a Manger” # 203

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields
and announce the birth of the Messiah*

CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High” # 188

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

Receiving of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

CAROL

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” # 233

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh
and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

CAROL

“Joy to the World” # 179

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude

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.

OFFICE HOURS this week will be sporadic. Please call before you stop by. The office will be closed Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday. Please have any announcements for the January 1st bulletin into the office by Tuesday, December 27th.

YOUR CALENDAR YOUR GUIDE FOR WORSHIP & WORK

Today	Merry Christmas!
	No Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	No Sunday school
	11:00 a.m. Worship



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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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