

# What child is this?



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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December 27, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, 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

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

\*Hymn # 182

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Heavenly Father, You are the Creator of the universe, the One who has given us life itself. We worship You and give You our hearts in praise. You are immense, yet You draw so near to us. You are all powerful, yet You tenderly hold us, broken and sinful as we are. We come to You now to say we are sorry and to ask Your forgiveness. We confess that we have sinned again and again. We have fallen short of who You would have us be and we have tried to do life our own way. Too many times, we have ignored the needs of those around us, and not reached out our hands to help. We have been selfish and shortsighted, and have looked only to our own joy and fulfillment. Lord, we are sorry. Please forgive us. As we begin a New Year this week, cause us to turn to You in a fresh way, giving You our hearts, following You more closely, and tending to the Kingdom work You have given us. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Time with the Younger Saints

Scripture  
Special Music Angie Neal  
Scripture  
Message "What Child Is This?" Randy Stear

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn # 233 "We Three Kings"  
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debtors...and debtors")  
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word  
Offertory  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)  
**Lord, everything we have is a gift from You. Accept with thanks these gifts that we return back to You. Give us courage to live grateful lives for Your honor and glory. Amen.**  
\*Hymn # 184 "What Child Is This?"  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
(\*All who are able, please stand.)

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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, Rick Shoemaker; Ushers, Rick & Willa Shoemaker, Nancy Boone and Naomi Sigafos; Projection, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER arrangement in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Marilyn Neal.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to begin thinking about end of the year reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to be held Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Reports are due to the church office by Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

THE 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the back of the sanctuary. Please look for your name as some numbers have changed. If you would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

THE 2016 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the office. Take time to sign-up for your choice of dates in the New Year. Arrangements are placed in the sanctuary during the Sunday worship service and a dedication is printed in the bulletin. Arrangements are \$20 payable to the Board of Deacons.

OUR BELL CHOIR will NOT rehearse December 30<sup>th</sup>, but will be back Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We still need ringers for our lower octaves. We would love to have you join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

THE CHOIR will NOT rehearse December 30<sup>th</sup>, but will be back Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. New voices are always appreciated. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

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 Shirley McLaughlin.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS will be held next Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> during morning worship. Oncoming elders and deacons are encouraged to be here. Please see Pastor Monroe if you are unable to attend.

THE GRANNIES are always very busy working on projects for others. They fund their endeavors by making available some of their projects to purchase. The most recent project is a quilt, on display at the back of the sanctuary. They are taking bids for the quilt as a silent auction. If you are interested, please take time to place your offer in the container. The proceeds will benefit future projects of the group which in turn will help someone in need.



## **REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m. Worship with Randy Stear
	12:00 p.m. Blood pressure checks
	12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Friday</b>	Happy New Year!
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages
	10:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	Ordination & Installation of Officers