

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
December 2, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, 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
Introit # 593 vs. 4 *“Lord, Speak to Me”*
*O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
Until my heart shall overflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 25*)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
**People: O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**
Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
**People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**
Leader: Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
**People: All the paths of the Lord
are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*Hymn # 153 *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You seek justice and righteousness, but we pursue selfish agendas. You promise us salvation, but we trust in our own strength. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us in your way of truth so that we may be ready to see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Moran Family

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December’s dark night.*

*While angels sing blessing from heaven’s starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pg. 738 of OT)

Anthem *“Keep Watch”*

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36 (pg. 85 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Larger Catechism, Q. 56*)

How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?
Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father’s, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

*Hymn # 318 *“Jesus Christ with Clouds Descending”*
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 176 *“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

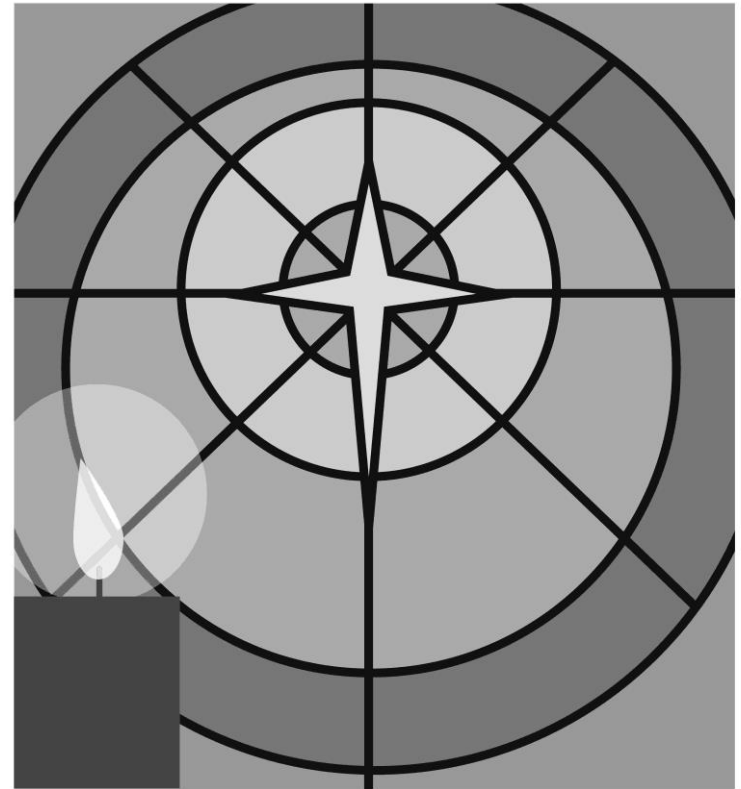
REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – 1 st Sunday of Advent
Monday		Poinsettia orders are due
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – 2 nd Sunday of Advent
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Luncheon & Celebration

OUR DEVOTIONAL this Advent season is entitled, “God with Us” by David Boyd. We often say to one another “God be with you!” But we often fail to contemplate the miracle and meaning behind the message of “God with us” in the person of Jesus Christ. There is something very real and personal about God coming down to be with us in this way. His dwelling among us is something that shapes us, comforts us, nurtures us and directs us. In this time of preparation, explore the deep impact this embodiment of God has on our very hearts and souls and life of faith. Please help yourself to a copy of our Advent devotional available at the back of the sanctuary.

THE 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. They have been placed in alphabetical order for your convenience. If we missed you or you would like to have envelopes, please drop a note in the offering plate or contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

THE 2019 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.



FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent

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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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Gene & Chery Artman, Nikki Reeves and Pat Swope; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of mother by Patrick and Janeen Swope.

POINSETTIA ORDERS are due tomorrow. Please use the bulletin insert to place your order and write your dedication for the bulletin. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or dropped at the church office.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe leads the study. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for two ringers. No experience is necessary just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in more information about the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley. You are also welcome to come to rehearsal.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Christmas Cantata rehearsal will be immediately following at 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir or the Christmas Cantata, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY following worship, we will come together to be part of an Advent Celebration. A soup and bread luncheon will be served with fun and thought-provoking activities. Please use the bulletin insert to let us know if you plan to attend. Thank you.

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 Nancy Campbell or the church office.

Thank you to all who helped make our Thanksgiving dinner a success again this year. Those who stepped up to help the committee, those who prepared food, set up and cleaned up, those who contributed monetarily, the worship speaker and especially all the kitchen help, it was much appreciated. Thank you to all who stayed and enjoyed the meal and fellowship. We are so thankful for our church family!

CALLING ALL BAKERS... families in the congregation are asked to donate at least 4 dozen cookies, candies, or holiday treats (no cupcakes, cakes, or pies) for our **Annual Holiday Cookie Sale** to be held Saturday, December 15th, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your fellow bakers, family, friends, co-workers, groups or organizations to participate. All baked goods may be dropped off in a disposable container on Friday, December 14th from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the sale on December 15th. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Erica Ash, Joan Moran, Elaine Jellison or the church office. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary. Please let us know what kind of cookie you will be donating so we don't have too many duplicates!

THE CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY are invited to purchase delicious holiday treats for gift giving, holiday parties, etc. on Saturday, December 15th. Who has time to bake dozens of different cookies? No need, just make your best cookies and shop for the rest! Cookies are \$7.00/dozen and all proceeds benefit the Pathway Homeless Shelter.

THE BLAIRSVILLE MONDAY MUSIC CLUB will share its annual Community Christmas Program, Monday, December 10, 2018 at SS Simon and Jude Church in Blairsville. The community is invited to come together at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy the sounds of Christmas!

WREATHS FOR INDIANA COUNTY VETERANS project will take place Saturday, December 8th at 12:00 noon at the county cemeteries. Wreaths will be placed commemorating and giving thanks for our deceased veterans. Many churches across the county will ring their bells for one minute as the wreaths are placed.