

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018 – 11:00 PM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

“Away in a Manger”

Robert Cosharek, Trumpet

Words of Greeting Bobbi Monroe, 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 Organ & Piano Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Introit *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”*

Matthew Cyphert - soloist

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.**

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

**People: Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

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: For he is coming to judge the 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 our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You came to show us mercy, but we are not merciful to others. You came to establish justice, but we fail to seek what is right. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your light shine upon us to deliver us from evil and lead us in your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Bruner Family

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 638 of OT)

Anthem *“In the Stillness”*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

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

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

Offertory *“Angel Tidings”*

By Cynthia Dobrinski

“Carol of the Bells”

By Jason W. Krug

“Prayer at the Manger”

By Michael Ryan

*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*)
 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
 Matthew & Danielle Cyphert - duet
 (*Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together*)
 Prayer after Communion

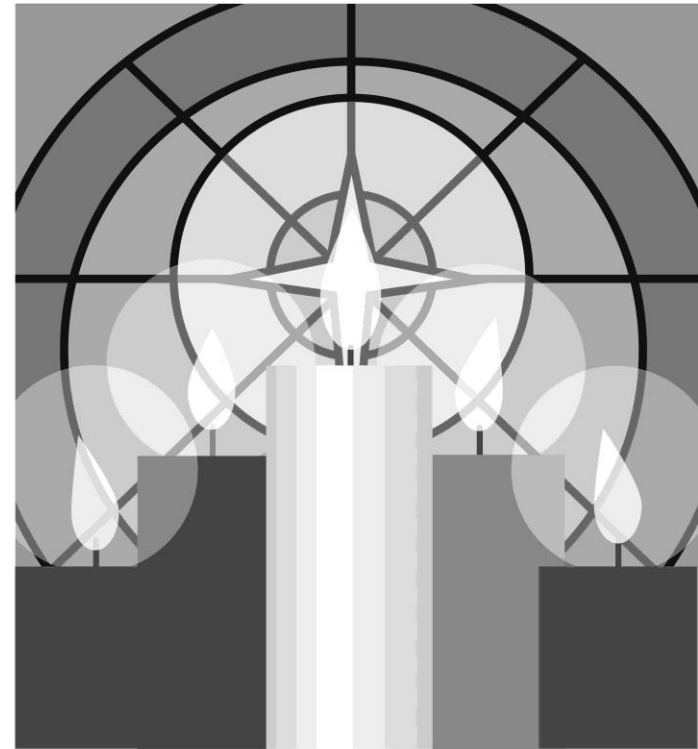
Bell Choir *“Silent Night”*
 *Hymn # 186 *“Silent Night! Holy Night!”*
 (*Congregation will sing once all candles are lit*)

*Benediction
 *Postlude

Remember to light candles by tipping the unlit candle toward the lit candle.

The Worship Assistants for this evening’s service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Ushers, the Lewis Family; Special Music, Robert Cosharek, Matthew & Danielle Cyphert; Audio, Mark Borbonus; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Handbell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and Organist, Marilyn Neal.

The office will be closed Monday through Wednesday and have abbreviated hours Thursday and Friday. If you have a need, please call the church before you stop.



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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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