

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

January 6, 2019 ~ 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 # 184 vs. 3 *“What Child Is This”*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.*

*Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 72*)

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**People: May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

**People: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound.**

Leader: May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

**People: For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**

Leader: He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

**People: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

\*Hymn # 189 *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You  
shine upon us with your glory, yet we hide our faces from the  
light. You speak to us a holy mystery, yet we do not listen to your**

**word. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, the least of all the  
saints, the wisdom to know and proclaim the gospel of your  
saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

Installation of Elders and Deacons

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 690 of OT)

Anthem *“They Had Joy”*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 2 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus  
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and  
blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the  
brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and  
calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned  
for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the  
depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the  
world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his  
sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us  
from death to life eternal.**

\*Hymn # 233 *“We Three Kings”*

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 # 236 *“As with Gladness”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

**REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Installation of Officers
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distribute groceries
	6:00 p.m.	The Deacons meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion

THEY SAW *The Child*  
WITH HIS MOTHER MARY,  
AND *They Bowed Down*  
AND *Worshipped Him.*

MATTHEW 2:11, NIV



**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, Brent & Tammy Ritchie and John & Mary Hileman; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Moran Family.

WE REJOICE this morning as Erica Ash, Susie Cotti, Jean Heberling and Marilyn Neal are installed to the Diaconal Class of 2021.

WE REJOICE this morning as Mary Anzelone, Doug Clayton, Bob Cosharek and Kim McKinney are installed to the Sessional Class of 2021. We thank Rose Lewis for her leadership.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from Fellowship Hall between the hours of 12:00-1:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe leads the study of Ephesians. All are welcome.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir, please see Cindy Borbonus. Additional voices are always welcome.

Pastor Monroe and Bobbi would like to thank everyone for the warm Christmas greetings and kindnesses.

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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This is our new meeting time. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Sts. Simon & Jude Church.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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. Special dedications can be given to the church office or printed on the chart by your name.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2018 will be reviewed and the 2019 Nominating Committee will be elected. We hope you will attend.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS will be mailed mid to late January. If you would like your statement sooner, please contact the church office.

*On behalf of the congregation, the Worship Committee would like to thank all those who made our Christmas Season a wonderful celebration! Special thanks go to the Chancel Choir, Cantata Choir, Bell Choir and the Brass Group for sharing their musical gifts. We would also like to thank all those who served their church as liturgists, acolytes, Advent readers and communion servers, as well as, audio and projector techs. We would also like to thank the deacons for organizing the decorations.*

#### THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2019

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity