

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 30, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

“Come Shepherds Rise”

Blairsville Brass Group

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 Marilyn Neal, Organist

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” # 205

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

Offertory “We Three Kings of Orient Are”
Blairsville Brass Group

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 vs. 1 & 4

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude “Sovereign King”

YOUR CALENDAR YOUR GUIDE FOR WORSHIP & WORK

Today	11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols
Tuesday	Office Closed for New Year's holiday
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m. Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m. Sunday school 11:00 a.m. Worship Installation of New Officers

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



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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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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 Ushers, Jean Heberling, Elaine Jellison, Dennis Gould and Ken Doak; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Guest Musicians, Blairsville Brass Group; 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 loved ones by the Moran Family.

JUST A REMINDER if you ordered poinsettias please take them home with you today. Any remaining after worship will be given out for others to enjoy.

THE OFFICE will be closed Tuesday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday. Office hours will be back to normal Wednesday, January 2nd.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 2nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION of new officers will take place next Sunday, January 6th during the worship hour.

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. Requests are kept in confidence.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH 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. If you have any items to be discussed, please let Pastor Monroe know by Sunday, January 13th so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

LITURGISTS are an important part of our worship service. If you are interested in assisting in worship as a liturgist or would like more information, please see Elaine Jellison.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE continues to seek volunteers to be trained on the sound system and projector to substitute when regular techs are not available. Please contact Elaine Jellison if you are interested.

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 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. Dedications can be written on the chart or given to the church office.

THE DEACONS have provided an usher chart at the back of the sanctuary for volunteers to sign-up for their choice of dates. Usher/greeters are an important part of our worship service. If you would like more information about the responsibilities of an usher, please see Marilyn Neal.

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

A COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held Sunday, January 20th at 3:00 p.m. The C&MA Church will host this Service of Unity which is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium. All are welcome.

*To the Session and Congregation,
We would like to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness at Christmas and throughout the year. We look forward to a blessed and happy New Year!*

Cindy, Marilyn, Jill, Sandy & Peg

*Many blessings
in the New Year!*