



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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*Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2019 – 11:00 PM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

*"O Holy Night"*

Robert Cosharek, Flugelhorn

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**

Bell Choir Preludes *"O Come, Christmas Joy"*  
arr. Linda R. Lamb

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*  
arr. Michael Mazzatenta

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit *"Gloria"*

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: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it.

**People: Then shall all the trees of the forest  
sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**All: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.**

\*Hymn # 182

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, loving God. Take away the burden of our sin and teach us the song of salvation: good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:**

**Let earth receive her King!**

**Let every heart prepare him room,**

**And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,**

**And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Bruner Family

**Joy to the earth! Savior reigns:**

**Let all their songs employ.**

**While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,**

**Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy**

**Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

### DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

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

Anthem

*"Jesus Is Our Christmas Peace"*

New Testament Lesson

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

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Apostles' Creed)*

**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**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Dave Hiltabidle, Saxophone

\*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)*

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

By Gustav Holst, Arr. Amanda Mae Conrad

Matthew Cyphert

*(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)*

*"Sleep Holy Child"*

Nightengals

Prayer after Communion

Bell Choir

*"Silent Night"*

Arr. James L. Fisher

\*Hymn # 186

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

*(Congregation will sing once all candles are lit)*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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**This evening** we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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

**The Worship Assistants** for this evening's service are Ushers, the Bruner Family and Pat Swope; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; Projector, John Clark Bruner; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Handbell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and Organist, Marilyn Neal.

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