

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

December 29, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Dennis Gould, 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 "Chanson De Noel"  
The Blairsville Brass

Lighting of the Candles

Introit Angie Neal, soloist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 148*)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**People: He established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

\*Hymn # 198 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

\*Prayer of Confession

**God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your  
love. We forget your great mercy and seek out other  
saviors. We allow violence to continue and ignore those**

**who weep. Forgive us, loving God. Make us sisters and  
brothers, sharing with all your children good news of great  
joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

**DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9 (pg. 693 of OT)

Anthem "Sonata"

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13-23 (pg. 2 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.**  
*(The Apostles' Creed)*

\*Hymn # 225 "I Wonder as I Wander"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory "Morely"

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 179 "Joy to the World"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Trumpet Tune"

*(\*All who are able, please stand)*

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**REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

**Sunday** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday** 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved

**Wednesday** Happy New Year!  
Office Closed

**Thursday** 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group  
6:00-7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved

**Saturday** 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved

**Sunday** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Ordination & Installation of Officers



Then *Joseph* Got Up,  
took the child and his mother by night,  
and went to **EGYPT.**

Matthew 2:14, NRSV

**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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Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Special Music, the Blairsville Brass and Angie Neal; Ushers, the Baker family; 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 loved ones by Mary Anzelone.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year holiday.

OUR BELL CHOIR AND CHANCEL CHOIR will be in recess this week and will resume rehearsals Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION of new officers will be held during worship next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held at our church Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Plan to come listen as church choirs and musical groups share in a time of community worship. This service is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<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 2019 will be reviewed and the 2020 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please inform Pastor Monroe by Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and treasurers are reminded that reports are requested for the annual Congregational Meeting which will be held Sunday, January 26, 2020 following worship. Please have reports to the church office by Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need information from the office, contact Jill during office hours at 724-459-7991 or email at [upchurch@r-church.com](mailto:upchurch@r-church.com).

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 2020 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. We hope that those ordering flowers through the deacons (signing up on the chart in the hallway) would take the arrangement following worship or pick them up at the church by the following Tuesday. Flowers that remain at the church after Tuesday will be shared with homebound members of the congregation. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.