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 Wond

"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 *"loy to the World"*

 *Benediction

*Postlude "Trumpet Tune"

(*All who are able, please stand)

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

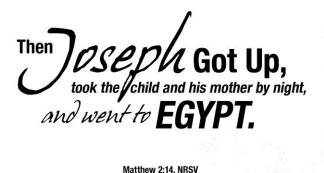
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Ordination & Installation of Officers





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"

Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

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e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com 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 1st for the New Year holiday.

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

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 2nd 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 5th.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held at our church Sunday, January 19th 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 26th 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 12th 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 19th. 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.

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.