

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

January 5, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 # 231 vs. 4 *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*

Call to Worship *(Psalm 147)*

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

he blesses your children within you.

Leader: He grants peace within your borders;

he fills you with the finest of wheat.

People: He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

Leader: He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

People: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn # 185 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. Christ has come into the world, and yet we do not know him. He has called us to be his own, and yet we do not accept him. Forgive us, loving God. Show us your grace and truth until we know in fullness good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14 (pg. 734 of OT)

Anthem *"Sing to the Lord a New Song"*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 192 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 # 221 *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

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 # 198 *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

*Benediction

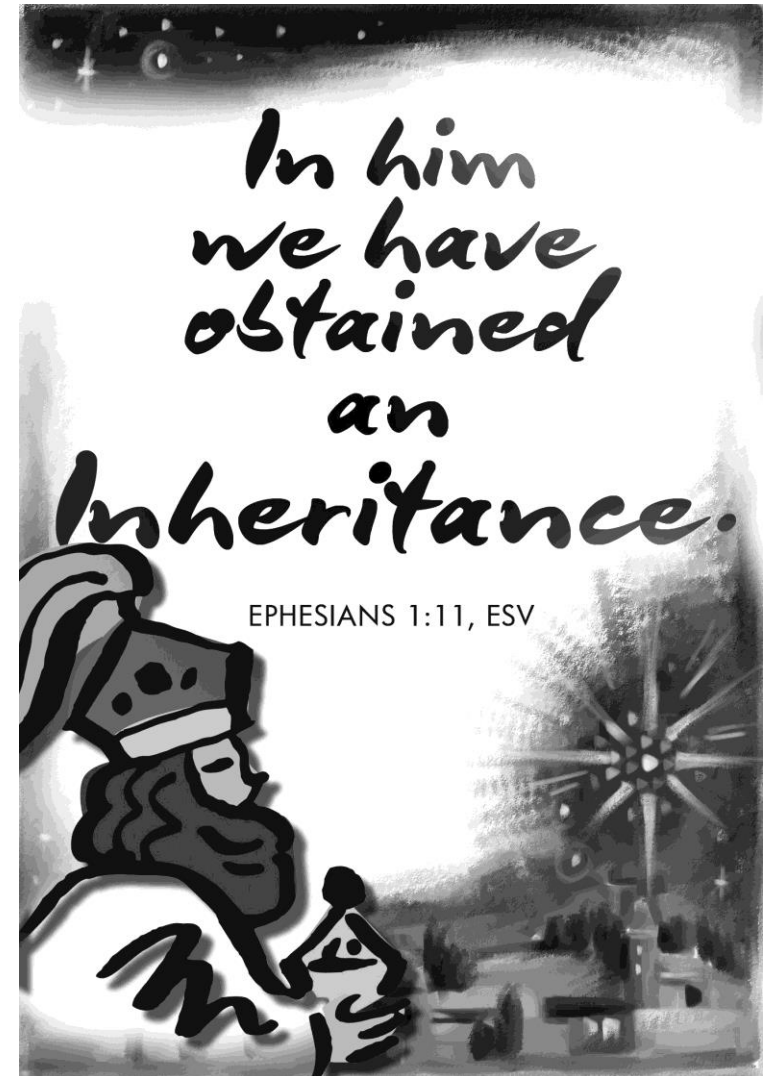
*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Ordination & Installation of Officers
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting-Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Meets
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting-Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Mtg-Fellowship Hall
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion



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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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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Ushers, John & Mary Hileman, Bonni Dunlap and Alan Lowman; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; 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 Grace Kijowski by the Moran Family.

WE REJOICE this morning as Jamie McKinney, Vicky Doty and Vicky Westley are ordained and installed to the Diaconal Class of 2021. We thank Jen Borbonus, Ken Doak, Tom Holby, Beverly Lindsey and Bobbi Monroe for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Jeff Lewis is ordained and installed to the Sessional Class of 2020 and as Gene Artman, Lisa Hainaut, Bruce Highberger and Rick Shoemaker are installed to the Sessional Class of 2021. We thank Bonni Dunlap and Elaine Jellison for their leadership.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be the first meeting of the New Year. Officers will be elected and committees will be organized.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The New Testament book of Acts will be our focus. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS will resume this Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. We are in need of two ringers to complete our choir. If you are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS will resume Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.

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.

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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 9th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, January 10th at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude's Marion Hall.

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.

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.

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.

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

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2020

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