

First Sunday of Advent



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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November 29, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Christmas Bells”
arr. by Mark Hayes

Call to Worship (*Psalm 80*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth. Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

**People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

Leader: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

Leader: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**People: Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

**All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

*Hymn # 440

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign. We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise. Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Jean Heberling & Elaine Jellison

***A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in November's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.***

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Anthem

"When Will Messiah Come?"

by Ed Kee and Dale Mathews

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Eli Borbonus, tambourine and Betsy Holby, flute

Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Larger Catechism, Q.56)

How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

*Hymn # 318 "Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"

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

*Hymn # 534 "When the King Shall Come Again"

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Advent Readers, Elaine Jellison & Jean Heberling; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Audio/Visual Equipment Techs, Jonathan & Doug Clayton and Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Greg and Marlene Shirley.

A VARIETY of Advent Devotionals are available to you. These guides are meant to help you as you move through the season to the coming of the Christ Child. You can pick one up at the back of the sanctuary.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR is planning to begin rehearsing special music for Christmas. Rehearsals will be held beginning Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00-9:00 p.m. As with the Sunday anthems, the special music will be recorded and shared in worship Sunday, December 20th. If you are interested in joining the choir for the holiday season or if you have questions, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Year are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. If you do not have church offering envelopes and would like a box set or if you would like to have your box mailed to you, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

IT'S OUR TRADITION to recognize the accomplishments of our students. If you are aware of anyone who may be graduating in December, please contact the church office.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to be trained to run the new streaming equipment. If you are interested or available to help out, please see Dennis Gould or contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

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.

POINSETTIA ORDERS are due Wednesday, December 2nd. Please use the bulletin insert to place your order and write your dedication for the bulletin on the back. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m. In-House and Online Worship
	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	7:00-9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir & Friends Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m. In-House and Online Worship
	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 440

D A G D A7 E D A D A A7 D A A7 D

1 Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

D A G D A7 E D A D A A7 D A A7 D

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill:

G D A Bm7 A7 C# D

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending 318

B \flat B \flat / D B \flat B \flat / F F/ $\text{E}\mathbf{\flat}$ B \flat / D E $\mathbf{\flat}$ C \mathbf{m} / $\text{E}\mathbf{\flat}$ D $\mathbf{m}7$ G \mathbf{m}

1 Je - sus comes with clouds de - scend - ing; see the Lamb for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall then be - hold you robed in awe - some
 3 Yes, a - men! Let all a - dore you, high on your e -

C $\mathbf{m}7$ F7 B \flat B \flat / F B \flat / D B \flat F7/ C G \mathbf{m} / D D

sin - ners slain! Thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 maj - es - ty; those who jeered and mocked and sold you,
 ter - nal throne; crowns and em - pires fall be - fore you,

G \mathbf{m} D/ $\text{F}\sharp$ G \mathbf{m} G \mathbf{m} / $\text{B}\mathbf{\flat}$ F/ C C7 F

join to sing the glad re - frain: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced and nailed you to the tree, shamed and griev - ing,
 claim the king - dom for your own. Come, Lord Je - sus,

B \flat B \flat 9 E $\mathbf{\flat}$ G7/ D C \mathbf{m} G7/ D C \mathbf{m} / $\text{E}\mathbf{\flat}$ G \mathbf{m} F \mathbf{sus} F7 B \flat

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign!
 shamed and griev - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 come, Lord Je - sus, ev - er - last - ing Christ, come down!

534 When the King Shall Come Again

G Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G C D C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{D7}{A}$ G

1 When the King shall come a - gain all his power re - veal - ing;
 2 In the des - ert trees take root, fresh from God's cre - a - tion;
 3 Strength-en fee - ble hands and knees; faint - ing hearts, be cheer - ful!
 4 There God's high-way shall be seen where no roar - ing li - on,

G Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G C D C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{D7}{A}$ G

splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign, life and joy and heal - ing:
 plants and flowers and sweet - est fruit join the cel - e - bra - tion.
 God who comes for such as these, seeks and saves the fear - ful.
 noth - ing e - vil or un - clean walks the road to Zi - on:

$\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G D Em C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{D7}{A}$ G

earth no long - er in de - cay, hope no more frus - trat - ed;
 Riv - ers spring up from the earth, bar - ren lands a - dorn - ing:
 Deaf ears hear the si - lent tongues sing a - way their weep - ing;
 ran - somed peo - ple, home - ward bound, all your prais - es voic - ing,

$\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{D7}{A}$ Em D $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D Em C G

this is God's re - demp - tion - day long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.
 val - leys, this is your new birth; moun - tains, greet the morn - ing!
 blind eyes see the life - less ones walk - ing, run - ning, leap - ing.
 see your Lord with glo - ry crowned, share in his re - joic - ing!

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The Board of Deacons are offering the congregation the opportunity to order Christmas Flowers. Please use this form to place your order and write your dedication on the back, for the bulletin. Also, let the office know if you're having plants delivered to the church for Christmas time and your desired dedication for the bulletin.

Cost per flower is \$8.00

Poinsettia color is red (6" pot)

Vendor is Cokeville Produce

Payment with order is appreciated by December 2nd

Make checks payable to "Board of Deacons"

2020 POINSETTIA ORDER

Purchased by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity: _____ Cost: _____

BULLETIN DEDICATION(S)

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____