

“...MY PEOPLE  
WILL BE FILLED  
WITH  
MY BOUNTY,”  
DECLARES  
THE LORD.

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**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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January 3, 2021 ~ 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

“For unto Us A Child Is Born”

By George Handle

Call to Worship (*Psalm 147*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

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 our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light.  
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, God of grace. Shape us by your Word of truth, seal us  
with your Holy Spirit, and let us live to show your glory; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

\*Sharing of the Peace

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Anthem

“Let the Song Begin”

By Yarborough

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

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.**

\*Hymn # 221

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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

\*Hymn # 198

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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

WE REJOICE this morning as Bobbi Monroe, Steve Moran, Janet Smith and Judy Trimble are installed to the Diaconal Class of 2023. We thank Andrea Clayton and Mary Hileman for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Lon Ferguson is ordained and installed with Jeff Lewis, Joan Moran and Patrick Swope to the Sessional Class of 2023. We thank Dennis Gould for his leadership.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 will gather for rehearsal Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety measures are followed while we meet. If you are interested in joining the choir or if you have questions, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will gather in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to work on personal projects and fellowship. All are invited.

*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.*

WE EXPRESS our sympathy to Ron and Joy Libengood on the recent death of Ron's son, Dwight Ronald Libengood.

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.

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.

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 2021 FLOWER CHART has been posted 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 or call the office. 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.

THE 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31st. The meeting will be held following worship. More details will be shared closer to the date. Committee chairs and treasurers are reminded that year-end reports are requested to be turned in by Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Committee reports consist of a summary of the year's activities, committee members and comments you would like to share. If you need any information or have questions, please contact the church office.

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

## THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2021

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

## REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

# 185 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  Am Bb2  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C F

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King:  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-ous-ness!

F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C Dm  $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{G9}{B}$   $\frac{G7}{B}$  Am  $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{C}{E}$  Fmaj7 G7 C

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

N.C.  $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C N.C.  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Bb Bbmaj9  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  D7 Gm  $\frac{C}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C F

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ maj9 Gm B $\flat$  D Gm Gm F C E C B $\flat$  F A F F C C7 F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
 for his bed a cattle stall;  
 oxen lowing, little knowing  
 Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
 Swift are winging angels singing,  
 noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
 Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
 Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping  
 vigil till the morning new  
 saw the glory, heard the story,  
 tidings of a Gospel true.  
 Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
 praises voicing greet the morrow:  
 Christ the babe was born for you.  
 Christ the babe was born for you.



# 198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

F B $\flat$  F F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

F A B $\flat$  C C7 F C7 F G $\flat$ 7 B $\flat$  E C C7 F G $\flat$  F

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this;  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save;

F A B $\flat$  E A C7 G F C7 Dm F A G $\flat$ 7 B $\flat$  E C C7 F G $\flat$  F

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 he has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Dm F A7sus E A7 E Dm C F Dm G $\flat$ 7 B $\flat$  C F

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!