

Fourth 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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December 20, 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

“Farandole”

by Bizet

Karen, David & John Kerin

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 89*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.

**People: I declare that your steadfast love
is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

**People: “I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.”**

Leader: The Lord says, “My faithfulness and steadfast love
shall be with you; and in my name
his horn shall be exalted.

**People: I shall cry, “You are my Father, my God,
and the Rock of my salvation!”**

*Hymn # 188

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You offer us a place in your house, yet we find no room for you in our lives. You invite us into your eternal realm, yet we fail to welcome others. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your word of life be with us so that we may truly believe that nothing is impossible with you; 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
Dennis and Nancy Gould

***A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above,
a baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.***

*Sharing of the Peace

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

"Every Valley"

By Mark Hayes

"Christmas Is Love"

By John W. Peterson

"What Did You Say Was the Baby's Name"

By Bill & Gloria Gaither

"Messiah Is Born"

Arr. by David T. Clydesdale

“Someday There’ll Be Peace on Earth”

By John W. Peterson

“Sing the Joyful Song of Christmas”

By John W. Peterson

*Benediction

*Postlude “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arr. by Everett
Karen, David & John Kerin

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Advent Readers, Dennis and Nancy Gould; Special Music, the Kerin family; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Christmas Choir Artwork, Eli 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 celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary by Bill and Deb Lint.

THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS in the sanctuary this morning are given in memory and in honor of loved ones by many in the congregation. A special thank you to the deacons for their work in arranging to have the flowers for the Christmas celebration!

IF YOU NEED a special homemade gift to give someone at Christmas, see Janeen Swope. The Grannies have several items available for purchase. All proceeds benefit their sewing ministry.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Year are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like offering envelopes or would like a box set 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.

THE CHOIR will take a break and will resume meeting Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines.

Christmas EVE

Worship services are scheduled for
7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

We will celebrate with Candlelight and
the Sacrament of Communion.

The 7:00 service will be live streamed
for those joining us from home.

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines
during our gatherings. All are welcome.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Thursday		Christmas Eve
	7:00 p.m.	Candlelight & Communion Worship
	11:00 p.m.	Candlelight & Communion Worship <i>Office Closed</i>
Friday		Merry Christmas! <i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship with Clark Bruner

188 Angels We Have Heard on High

F Am Gm7 C7 F C F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ C7 F

1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem, and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

F Am Dm7 $\frac{C7}{E}$ F C F $\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ C7 F

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say, what may the ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain
 F Dm Gm7 C Fmaj7 B♭ $\frac{C}{E}$ C

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WORDS and MUSIC: French carol, 18th c.

GLORIA
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Fmaj7 B♭ $\frac{C}{E}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ C F B♭ $\frac{E}{C}$ C7 F

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