



CHRISTMAS EVE

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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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020 – 7:00 PM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

Pastor 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 Night”

By G. Schirmer

Call to Worship (*Psalm 96*)

Connie Bruner, Liturgist

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**People: Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Say among the nations, “The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity.”

**People: For he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.**

*Hymn # 182 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace.

Teach us to live as your people, following your holy way and rejoicing in your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle
The Bruner Family

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music

“Mary, Did You Know”
Abigail Bruner

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Message

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. (*Apostles' Creed*)

*Hymn # 184 "What Child Is This?"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 186 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

(Congregation will sing once all candles are lit)

*Benediction

*Postlude

This evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

Remember to light candles by tipping the unlit candle toward the lit candle.

The Worship Assistants for this evening's service are: Liturgist, Connie Bruner; Special Music, Abigail Bruner; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Audio, Projection and Streaming Techs, Jonathan, Doug Clayton and Dennis Gould.

The Office will be closed Monday and Friday next week and will have abbreviated hours Tuesday-Thursday. Please call before you stop.