



And she brought forth
her firstborn son,
and wrapped him
in swaddling clothes,
and laid him in a manger;
because there was no room
for them in the inn.

LUKE 2:7, KJV

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 27, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Blairsville Brass

Call to Worship (*Psalm 148*) Connie Bruner, Liturgist

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**People: Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
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. You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others. You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God.

Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Anthem

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Arr. by Jeff Anderson

Blairsville Brass and Marilyn Neal, organ

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

Special Music

Angie Neal

Sermon

Clark Bruner

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 # 189

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

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

*Hymn # 179

“Joy to the World!”

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Chanson De Noel
Arr. by Jeremy Kempton

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Connie Bruner; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual Equipment Techs, Dennis Gould, Abigail, Elizabeth and John Clark Bruner.

WE WELCOME the Blairsville Brass this morning. A big thank you to them for providing special music today.

WE WELCOME Angie Neal who is visiting with us this morning. A big thank you to her for sharing her musical talent with us as well.

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

THE OFFICE will be closed Monday and Friday this week and will have abbreviated hours Tuesday-Thursday. Please call before you stop.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today		No Sunday School Classes today
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship with Clark Bruner
Monday		Office Closed
Friday		Office Closed
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship

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-eous-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. $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{E}$ 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 G \flat D G \flat C C F F C7 F

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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory 189

B \flat B \flat B \flat B \flat F B \flat E \flat E \flat B \flat G \flat F A F7 B \flat

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,

B \flat B \flat B \flat F7 G \flat D G \flat D G \flat G \flat F C C7 F

you who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions, you have seen the na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

F B \flat E \flat Cm B \flat Cm G \flat F sus F7 B \flat

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new-born King.

Joy to the World!

D Em G D A7 D D F# G A

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

D G D D G D D

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

D A

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 (1) and heaven and na - ture sing,

A7 D G D Em G D A7 D

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,