

*I will turn
their mourning into*
JOY,
*I will comfort them,
and give them*
GLADNESS
for sorrow.



Jeremiah 31:13, NRSV

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 2, 2022 ~ 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

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

By Innes

Introit #42

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 147*)

Mary Gorlene, 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

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*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...*)

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 198

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Mary Gorslene; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual, Kristi Eckenroad and Dennis Gould; Streaming, Olivia Eckenroad.

WE REJOICE this morning as Chris Antis is ordained and installed with Linda Neal to the Diaconal Class of 2024. We thank Erica Ash, Susie Cotti, Jean Heberling and Marilyn Neal for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Jim Antis, Jean Heberling and Mel Woodring are ordained and installed with Terry Brown to the Sessional Class of 2024. We thank Mary Gorslene, Doug Clayton, Bob Cosharek and Kim McKinney for their leadership.

THE 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 30th. 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 23rd. 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.

END OF THE YEAR financial statements will be mailed early to mid-January. If you would like your statement earlier, contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

THE ELDERS have been discussing our church, the needs of the congregation and the needs of our community. They have put together a questionnaire which you will be receiving in the mail in January. They would like your input and ask that you take the time to honestly answer the questions. Then, return it to the church in the envelope provided. These findings will be used by the elders to help us better meet our mission.

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, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

*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.*

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is hanging 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. Please note any special dedication for the bulletin. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WE WILL GATHER for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our focus is on the gospel of John. As we gather, we will follow CDC guidelines. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR is currently in need of 3 or 4 new ringers so it can ring the 3-octave music. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. All are welcome.

A COMMUNITY UNITY SERVICE will be held Sunday, January 16th at 3:00 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host the worship service. The Blairsville Area Ministerium arrange to have this service each year.

IN THE NEW YEAR we will recognize our congregation's 200th anniversary. Plans are beginning to be made for our celebration, to be held later in the year. If you are interested in being a part of the planning process, a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your ideas to the meeting or share them with Pastor Monroe or one of the elders. All are invited.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Ordination & Installation of Officers
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2022

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

185 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

F $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{E}{C}$ 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 $\frac{E}{C}$ C N.C. $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{E}$ F $\frac{E}{C}$ 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 maj \flat 9 Gm D Gm Gm C C F F F C7 F
 B \flat B \flat F E B \flat A C C

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 $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ $\frac{C}{F}$ F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ $\frac{C}{F}$

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

$\frac{F}{A}$ Bb C C7 F C7 F $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F $\frac{Gm}{F}$ 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;

$\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F C7 Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F $\frac{Gm}{F}$ 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 $\frac{A7sus}{E}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ Dm C F Dm $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ 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!

WORDS: Latin carol, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 MUSIC: German melody, 14th c.

IN DULCI JUBILO
 Irregular