



## *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 19, 2021 ~ 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

*"Joy to the World"*  
Organ & Piano Duet

By George Handel

Introit

*"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*  
***The Lord my Shepherd guards me well,  
All my wants are fed:  
Amid green pastures made to lie,  
Beside still waters led.  
My care-worn soul grows strong and whole  
When God's true path I tread.***

Call to Worship (*Psalm 80*)

Terry Brown, Liturgist

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine,  
that we may be saved.**

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry  
with your people's prayers?

**People: You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

Leader: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine,  
that we may be saved.**

\*Hymn # 153      *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Arr. Edgar Horton

The Handbell Choir

***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

Terry and Barb Brown

***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.***

*"A Joyful Ring"*

Arr. Barbara B. Kiyon

The Handbell Choir

\*Sharing of the Peace

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 5:2-5

Hymn # 182

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:39-55

### CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

By John Peterson

*"Christmas Is Such a Wonderful Time of the Year"*

*"For God So Loved the World"*

*"Mystery of Mysteries"*

*"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"*

*"How Can I Doubt"*

*"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" (reprise)*

*"No Room, No Room"*

*"And There Were In the Same Country"*

*"Some Day They'll Be Peace on Earth"*

*"When the Bright Angels Left Them"*

*"Over the Sands of the Desert"*

*"Sing the Joyful Song of Christmas"*

\*Hymn # 208

*"O How Joyfully"*

\*Benediction

\*Response

*"Christmas Is Such a Wonderful Time of the Year" (reprise)*

\*Postlude

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

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## THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

### Sopranos

Kathy Bella

Peg Lockard

Janet Smith

Janeen Swope

Vicky Westley

### Narrators

Sheila Borbonus

Dennis Gould

### Accompanist/Director

Cindy Borbonus

### Altos

Mary Gorslene

Judy Trimble

Beverly Lindsey

### Baritones

Ken Doak

Dave Hiltabidle

Bob Klingensmith

Ron Libengood

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Terry Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Ed and Becky Bence; Audio/Visual, Elizabeth and Abigail Bruner; Streaming, John Bruner.

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 Vicky Doty and the deacons for their work in arranging to have the flowers for the Christmas celebration!

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR and friends are rehearsing special music for the season of Christmas. Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to be a part of the choir. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and this week, Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

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, 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 2022 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 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.

THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE continues to receive monetary donations for the purchase of coats for kids in need. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

NEXT SUNDAY we will have a service of Lessons and Carols. The Blairsville Brass will be with us sharing their musical talents.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to begin thinking about year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting. Reports are due to the church office by Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

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.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
	9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m. Christmas Choirs
	2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00-9:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
Friday	7:00 p.m. Communion & Candlelight Worship
	11:00 p.m. Communion & Candlelight Worship
Saturday	Merry Christmas!
Sunday	11:00 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

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.  
All are welcome.

# 153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

F C F Gm C7 F C Dm C F A C7 F F A Gm Dm C F

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

F C F Gm C7 F C Dm C F A C7 F F A Gm Dm C F

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Am Dm Gm7 C7 Dm7 C7 F F E Dm F A G# Gm Bbmaj7 Csus C

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

F A F6 Gm C7 F F Bm7(b5) C7 Bb C7 F F7 Bb F A Bb F C7 F

dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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G Am D G D G C G D D Em

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

A7 D A D G D G D A7 D

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

G Am G D7 G D G Em Am C D

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*  
 G D G D7 G D G D7 G D

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

G D7 G D A7 D G C G D G

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

## “O How Joyfully”

Oh, how joyfully,  
oh, how hopefully,  
waits the world on Christmas Eve!  
Love comes healing,  
God revealing.  
Friends, be joyful and believe!

Oh, how joyfully,  
oh, how peacefully,  
sleeps the world on Christmas Night!  
Sins are covered,  
grace discovered.  
In our darkness shines the light!

Oh, how joyfully,  
oh, how thankfully,  
wakes the world on Christmas Morn!  
God has spoken,  
death is broken.  
Alleluia! Christ is born!

Brian Arthur Wren

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