



*“Glory
to God
in the highest,
and on earth
peace among
those with whom,
he is pleased!”*
Luke 2:14, ESV

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, 2021 – 11:00 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

“The First Noel”

By John Innes

Introit

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Dave Hiltabidle - Saxophone

Call to Worship (*Psalm 96*)

Bobbi Monroe, 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: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

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

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

**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

Holy God, you have come among us in Jesus Christ, hallowing our humanity and embodying love. We confess that we have turned from the path Jesus has marked, failing to claim all you intend for us, withholding love from our neighbors and ourselves. Forgive us. Be born anew in us, that our lives might reflect Christ's radiant light.

*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
Jean Heberling and Elaine Jellison

We honor Messiah with Christ candle's flame
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music

"In the Stillness" By John Purifoy

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

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

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

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, Bobbi Monroe; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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G Am D G D G C G 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 A 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.

What Child Is This

184

Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ B

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king, to own him;

Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D Em Am B B7 Esus Em

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

Refrain
 Bm G D Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ B

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the Vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Bm G D Em Am B B7 Esus Em

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!

Silent Night! Holy Night!

186

B \flat F7 B \flat

1 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight,
 3 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,

E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat

'round yon vir - gin moth-er and child; ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing al - le - lu -
 ra - dian - t beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing

F7 B \flat B \flat /F F F7 B \flat

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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