



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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A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 26, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude “And the Glory of the Lord” from The Messiah
G.F. Handel – arr. Dan Boone
The Blairsville Brass

Call to Worship (*Luke 2:15-20*)

Leader: When the angels had left them, the shepherds said,
“Let us go now to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.”

**People: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.**

Leader: When they saw this, they made known what had been
told them about this child;

**People: And all who heard it were amazed at what
the shepherds told them.**

Leader: But Mary treasured all these words and pondered
them in her heart.

**People: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had seen and heard.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

CAROL

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah*

CAROL

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

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FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation*

CAROL

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

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FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child*

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem
where Mary gives birth to her child*

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

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SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields
and announce the birth of the Messiah*

CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

CAROL

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh
and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

CAROL

“Joy to the World”

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Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Chanson De Noel”

French Carol

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Elaine Jellison and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual, Doug Clayton; Streaming, Jonathan Clayton.

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.

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 23rd.

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

YOUR CALENDAR YOUR GUIDE FOR WORSHIP & WORK

Today	11:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols
Monday		Office Closed
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Ordination & Installation