



Thanks be unto God  
for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, 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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2022 – 7:00 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

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

By Smith, Husdad

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalm 96*)

Rick Shoemaker, 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: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it.

**People: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord; for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**All: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.**

\*Hymn # 182

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, loving God. Take away the burden of our sin and teach us the song of salvation: good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*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  
Todd and Stacy Faulk

Joy to the earth! Savior reigns:  
Let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

\*Sharing of the Peace

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Message

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 # 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

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**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, Rick Shoemaker; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Advent Readers, Todd and Stacy Faulk.

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