



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 25, 2022 ~ 11:00 AM

Christmas Day

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

“Carol of the Bells”
Cindy Borbonus, Piano

Arr. Hayes

Call to Worship (*Isaiah 52*)

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet
of the messenger who announces peace,

**People: Who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”**

Leader: Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see the return
of the Lord to Zion.

**People: Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

Leader: The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

**People: And all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.**

*Hymn # 185

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. We speak when we ought to listen; we are silent when we ought to sing. We are consumed with vanity and work for things that perish. Forgive us, loving God. Enable us to believe and receive the glory of your Word made flesh: good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Westminster Confession of Faith)

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

*Hymn # 221

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)

*Hymn # 198

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship
Monday-Tuesday		Office Closed
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Worship