



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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

December 21, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Terry and Barb Brown

Call to Worship

Leader: God has done great things for us.

People: God's love is proclaimed in the promise of Christ.

Leader: Holy is God's name.

**People: God's promises are fulfilled
in the coming of Christ.**

Leader: God's grace and mercy extend
from generation to generation.

People: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

*Hymn

"O, How I Love Jesus"

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we confess that our lives are not as clean and pure as they should be. We are not the people you have called us to be. So, we lay all our sins before you, praying for your promised forgiveness. Grant us peace and love. In the name of Jesus, your Son. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 23:5-6

Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" # 176

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-14

Sermon "Love In The Arrival" Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Reception of New Members

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 182

*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.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Advent Readers, Terry and Barb Brown; Organist, Pam Lewis; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

WE WELCOME eight new members to the congregation this morning. They include: Karen Johnson, Pat Troska, Jenny Anderson, Jim and Elaine Smail, Frank Eckenroad, Steven Manon and Alyssa Manon. Be sure to welcome them to the family.

GIFTS TO THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be used for Blairsville area mission outreach this year.

WE HOPE you will join us at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday for Christmas Eve Worship. We will celebrate with a Service of Lessons and Carols, we will share the Lord's Supper, and close with candlelight. Special music will also be shared during the service. It will be a wonderful evening to be with your church family as we welcome the Christ Child!

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 Chris Antis and the deacons for their work in arranging to have the flowers for the Christmas celebration!

OFFICE HOURS this week will be limited. Please call before you stop and leave a message if there is no answer. Someone will return your call.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday		<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship, Communion and Candlelight
Thursday		Merry Christmas!
Friday		Office Closed
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship