
*H*E HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE
THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.

MARK 6:34, NIV



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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September 15, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "It Is Well with My Soul" Arr. Mercer

Organ and Piano Duet

Introit Hymn # 2 "O Worship the King"

**O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

**People: Lord, help us to be ready
for opportunities of service.**

Leader: We have felt the refreshment of time away.

People: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

**People: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction
for our lives.**

*Hymn # 31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people - For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone. For every time we promise to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected. For the many opportunities to

extend forgiveness that we have refused. For each way we put our own understanding above your wisdom. For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us. For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us. Forgive us Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Beloved friends, receive the good news:
the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives
and declares us forgiven.

People: **Having been forgiven,
we take up Wisdom's way of knowing,
embracing it as we journey toward
wholeness and peace.**

Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

***Sharing of the Peace**

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-10

Anthem

"In Memoriam"

By Lee Dengler & Susan Naus Dengler

Written as a remembrance to the victims of the events of 9/11

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-44

Sermon

"5 + 2 x 12 = 5000"

Donna Yarnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to

many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

- *Hymn # 108 "There's Something About That Name"
- Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
- Choral Amen
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Presentation of the Offering
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 513 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *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 Guest Speaker, Donna Yarnal; Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Karen and John Kerin; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Wolford family.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures after worship this morning. If you would like your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

THE ELDERS will gather in Fellowship Hall for a Session meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the church parlor.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. Our bell choir is looking for new ringers. If you would like to try ringing a bell, contact Vicky Westley for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir is also looking for new members. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

A TIME OF REFRESHMENT AND FELLOWSHIP will be held each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. We hope you will join us as we gather in Fellowship Hall and enjoy some cookies, coffee or tea and fellowship before worship. All are welcome!

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, September 29th immediately following worship to dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee, accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2025 Terms of Call.

DURING the month of September, the Deacons are collecting food items to replenish the Deacon Pantry. The following items are needed: peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned green beans, instant potatoes, complete pancake mix, syrup and breakfast cereal. Please leave your donations in the Deacon's box in the back of the sanctuary.

THOSE ABLE TO WALK are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces at all times.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. There are several dates available if you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship. Arrangements are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons. Special dedications can be given to the church office or printed on the chart by your name. We ask that you take your flowers after worship or pick them up by the following Tuesday. Flowers that are not picked up will be shared.

THE DEACON'S KIDS CLOSET is available to families in the River Valley School District and Blairsville area. If you know of a family in need, ask them to call the church office to schedule an appointment. Donations for the Kids Closet of sizes from newborn to young adult will be received ongoing. Please contact a deacon if you have any question.

CHRISTMAS is right around the corner and as a reminder, Keepsake Ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge are available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. They make wonderful gifts. Please see Linda George or call the church office.

THE 10TH ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE has begun. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats for kids in need. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coat Drive" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

IF YOU BECOME AWARE of a building repair or concern that needs attention, please contact the church office. The Property and Maintenance Committee will be notified to take care of the issue. Thank you.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2025 church budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin planning for next year and consider your financial needs. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the church office.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by members of the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Linda George or the church office at 724-459-7991. Communication is important during this time of transition to a new pastor.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship
	11:00 p.m.	Worship with Donna Yarnal
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressures checks
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Donna Kanyan