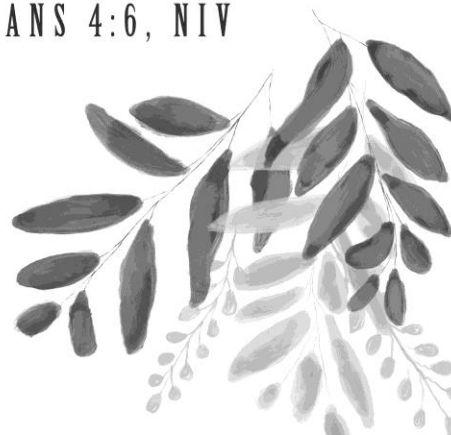




Do not be anxious
about anything, but in every
situation, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.



PHILIPPIANS 4:6, 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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 22, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“The New Twenty-Third”

Arr. Hustad

Introit # 48

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down
in awe of God’s steadfast love for us.

**People: For God gives ear to our words;
He listens to the sounds of our cries.**

Leader: Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

**People: For God is our shield and our protection
in times of trouble.**

Leader: Come! Let us rejoice and sing for joy!

People: For God is surely in this place!

All: Let us worship God together.

*Hymn # 66

“To God Be the Glory”

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before You with humble hearts, knowing
that we have fallen short of Your glory. We confess that we have
sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have been quick to judge
others while overlooking our own faults. We have been selfish**

and have failed to reflect the grace and mercy You show us through Jesus. Forgive us for the times we have neglected the needs of others and missed opportunities to act justly and with compassion. Help us to live each day in a manner that reflects the forgiveness we have received and the hope we have in Jesus. In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson		II Kings 20:1-6
Anthem	“Jesus Is Calling America”	Arr. Wyrzten
	Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
Gospel Lesson		Luke 11:5-10
Sermon	“The Power of Prayer”	Donna Kanyan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn # 478 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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 # 466 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

*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 Kanyan; Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Granny Room located on the second floor of the Christian Ed wing.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will not rehearse this Wednesday. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, October 2nd. 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 next Sunday, September 29th immediately following worship to dissolve the PNC, accept the report of the Nominating Committee and accept the 2025 Terms of Call.

OFFICE HOURS will be different this week due to a family wedding. The office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The PNC is coordinating a couple events for our new pastor, Rev. John Manon. On Sunday, October 20th, his first Sunday as our pastor, there will be a picnic lunch after worship. The congregation will be asked to bring a covered dish and/or peach cobbler (Pastor John’s favorite dessert). The second event is an Installation Service for Pastor John. Once the service date and time has been confirmed with presbytery, we will announce it so you can plan to attend. Please continue to pray for our leaders, our church, our staff and our new pastor.

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. Please do not hesitate to call with your prayer needs.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

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| Sunday | 10:15 a.m. | Refreshments and Fellowship |
| | 11:00 p.m. | Worship with Donna Kanyan |
| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Grannies Meet |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. | Daisy Troops Meet |
| | 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 Rev. Dr. Don Wilson |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Congregational Meeting |