

“I will put
my **SPIRIT**
within you,
and you
shall **LIVE**...”

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

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 29, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Terry Brown, 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 "Shoulders" Arr. Rambo

Introit # 125 "In the Name of the Lord"

There is strength in the name of the Lord;

There is power in the name of the Lord;

There is hope in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 124:8*)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

**People: In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness,
God is with us.**

Leader: God alone saves us. God alone helps us.
God alone sets us on the path of peace.

All: Let us worship our Helper!

*Hymn # 30 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your

promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Children's Message

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" Arr. Helgen
Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 11:33-36

Sermon "The Light in You" Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The 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 # 374 "Refiner's Fire"

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 and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 372

“I Then Shall Live”

*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, Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson; Liturgist, Terry Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual, Kristi Eckenroad and Doug Clayton; and Property Manager, Kim McKinney.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas and Bea Smith by Ed and Becky Bence.

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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today immediately following worship to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2025 Terms of Call.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Our deacons are very busy. Take a look in your bulletins at the various outreach programs they are providing to the community. Please consider how you can support their efforts.

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.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who helped make our second movie night a success! Again there were around forty who attended. All had a great time! Jean Heberling, elder

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The PNC is coordinating a couple events for our new pastor, Rev. John Manon. On Sunday, October 20th, his first Sunday in the pulpit 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.

EVERY YEAR the local school district has a food drive and donates it to our Deacon's pantry. Much of this food is used to fill our Thanksgiving baskets. However with the consolidation of Blairsville and Saltsburg into the River Valley School District it is only fair to stagger the collected food between our two towns. This year the collected food will be given to a charity in Saltsburg. Because of this, the Deacons really need help this year to fill those Thanksgiving baskets! Thanksgiving foods we are collecting during October include: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, applesauce, Jello/Pudding cups and canned vegetables. The Deacon's also want to thank everyone who has donated recently to the Alice Paul House and the restocking of the Deacon's pantry. We are truly a blessed congregation.

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. Lynnette, Lyndsay and the deacons work diligently to keep the closet neat, orderly and stocked for each family that visits. Donations for the Kids Closet of sizes from newborn to young adult are always welcomed. If you have any questions, please see a deacon 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.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday, October 6th during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

REFRESHMENT AND FELLOWSHIP before worship will not be held Sunday, October 20th due to the pot luck luncheon scheduled for after worship.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their Chili & Soup Cookoff Sunday, November 3rd in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Plan to stay for some delicious soup or chili and support the Boy Scouts.

THE BOY SCOUTS are also starting the Christmas Evergreen Fundraiser. Orders will be taken starting now until November 3rd. For more information, please see a boy scout, Doug Clayton or the website: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatroop1004blairsvillepa>

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

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons 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 Rev. Mike Bobula and Communion with Elder Gene Artman