



Contend
for the faith
which was
once for all
delivered
to the saints

Jude 1:3

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 8, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, 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 "For I Shall See Him" Arr. Wyrzten
Organ and Piano Duet

Introit Hymn # 85 "I Love You, Lord"
**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 146*)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals,
in whom there is no help.

**People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

*Hymn # 260 "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship,
our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to
exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up.
Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the
inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

I Thessalonians 2:13

Anthem

“Jesus Built This Church on Love”

By Hemphill

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

Jude 1-4, 17-25

Sermon

“Contending for the Faith”

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Romans 8*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn # 411

“How Firm a Foundation”

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 # 472

“Turn Your Eyes Upon 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, Rev. John Manon; Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Brennan Borbonus and Doug Clayton; and Property Manager, Bob Cosharek.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today immediately following worship to vote on the call of Rev. John Manon as our next installed minister and on the 2024 Terms of Call.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God by the Board of Deacons.

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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the SS Simon & Jude Church. Elder Gene Artman is our liaison at the meetings.

THE ICCAP FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville Borough. If you have questions about the Food Bank, please see Chery or Gene Artman.

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 enjoys fellowship.

A SECOND MOVIE NIGHT will be held in Fellowship Hall Saturday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. The movie will be "Samson" produced by Sight & Sound Theatre. Popcorn and drinks will be served. A basket for donations will be available for those who wish to donate to defray expenses. Plan now to come and enjoy!

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

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!

DURING the month of September, the Deacons will be 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.

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.

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.

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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

- Sunday** 10:15 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship
11:00 p.m. Worship with Rev. John Manon
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- Monday** 9:00 a.m. Grannies will meet
11:00 a.m. Blairsville Area Ministerium Meeting
11:30 a.m. Property Meeting with Insurance Representative
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting
- Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
- Wednesday** 5:00 p.m. Daisy Troops Meet
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
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday** 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting
7:00 p.m. Movie Night in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday** 10:15 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship with Donna Yarnal