

...by grace  
you  
have  
been  
saved...  
Ephesians 2:5,  
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**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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October 20, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 "Fanfare Glorious" By BlechMax  
The Otter Creek Brass

Call to Worship

Leader: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: God is good always and forever.**

**His compassion is upon all creation.**

Leader: We give thanks to God and bless his holy name.

**People: We are written on the palm of God's hand.**

Leader: Let us rejoice and sing our praises!

\*Hymn # 9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have been half-hearted in the work you have called us to, in our witness to the world, and in our love of neighbor. God of mercy, forgive us. Renew us and restore us, that we may do your will day by day. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Children's Message

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson		Ephesians 2:1-10
Anthem	“How Great Thou Art”	Arr. Bock
	Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
Scripture Lesson		Galatians 1:1-10
Special Music	“Abide with Me”	Arr. Arkstar
Sermon	“Do vs. Done”	
	Rev. John Manon	

## 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 # 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

Offertory “Amazing Grace” Arr. Jari Villanueva

Presentation of the Offering

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 569            “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude                            “Psalm XIX”                            Arr. Drew R. Fennell  
The Otter Creek Brass and Organist, Pam Lewis

*(\*All who are able, please stand)*

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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 Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Special Music, The Otter Creek Brass; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cherry Klingensmith by Cindy Borbonus and family.

TODAY, we welcome our new pastor, Rev. John Manon. A welcome picnic luncheon will be held following the service in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to stay for the celebration!

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse 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.

THE DEACONS need your help to fill the community Thanksgiving baskets! Each year the deacons prepare boxes to help families during the holidays. Each box contains all the ingredients to make a Thanksgiving meal. Foods we are collecting during October include: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, applesauce, Jello/Pudding cups, cornbread mix and canned vegetables. A basket is located at the back of the sanctuary for your donations.

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 are always welcomed.

THE 10<sup>TH</sup> 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". If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

BIBLE STUDY will begin in November. A morning study will begin Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and an evening study will begin Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor John will lead the groups in a study of the book of Hebrews. ZOOM access will be available to those who would like to participate from home. Please call the church office for more information.

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.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held for Shirley McLaughlin, a long-time member of our church, Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Shoemaker Funeral Home. Pastor Terry Semsick will lead the service. Shirley entered the Church Triumphant Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at The Grove in Latrobe. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

A FREE VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT will be held at the River Valley Senior High School auditorium on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Blairsville Community Concert Band will perform a live instrumental concert in honor of our Veteran's! The band will be directed by Karen Kerin. We hope you will plan to attend.

CUSTOM 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. Please see Linda George or contact the church office.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be served Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation and let us know what dish you might bring to share or how you might help with the dinner. If you would be willing to roast a turkey for the dinner, please see Andrea Clayton or contact her at 724-459-7991. The turkeys will be provided, we just need cooks.

WE WANT TO BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS in Hurricane Relief efforts by assembling Hygiene Kits. Please see the blue insert which lists the items needed for each kit. We ask that all donations be brought to the church by Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Assembly of the kits will take place Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Financial donations will be accepted to shop for products and/or to offset the processing fee of \$2.00 per kit. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

DONATIONS of coupons for veterans continue to be received. A box is located at the back of the sanctuary for collection. Thank you to all who continue to support this program.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their Chili & Soup Cookoff Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, please see a boy scout, Doug Clayton or the website: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatroop1004blairsvillepa>

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendar and remember to change your clocks.

### **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m. Worship with our new pastor, Rev. John Manon
	12:00 p.m. Welcome Picnic Luncheon
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 p.m. Monday Music Club Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m. Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m. Worship