



*A*s each has  
received a gift,  
employ it for  
one another,  
as good stewards  
of God's varied  
grace.

1 Peter 4:10

**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 6, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Pam Lewis, 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

“A Quiet Place”

Arr. Hustad

Introit # 549

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

**I love your kingdom, Lord, the house of your abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.**

Call to Worship (*Lamentations 3*)

Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end;**

Leader: They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

**People: “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”**

Leader: The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

**People: It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.**

\*Hymn # 281

“Lamb of God”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of  
the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with  
contempt, seek power to serve ourselves, and cowardly shrink  
from prophetic truth. Gather us again to your table as you  
gathered the generations before us. Save us from the strife we**

**start, and the contention we create. Rekindle within us the gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 1:1-2

Anthem

“Table of Mercy, Table of Rest”

Arr. McDonald

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:18

Sermon

“Moses is Dead. Now What?”

Rev. Mike Bobula

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Presentation of the Offering

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 696

“Come, Share the Lord”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

## Prayer

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)*

*(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)*

## Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn # 711      “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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*Worship helps written by Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek  
and provided by the Presbyterian Outlook*

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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. Mike Bobula; Liturgist, Pam Lewis; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Nancy Boone and Barbara Kocsis.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be held after worship today. Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

THE 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 in the Blairsville Borough.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The PNC is coordinating a couple events for our new pastor, Rev. John Manon.

\*On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

THE DEACONS really need help this year to fill the Thanksgiving baskets! Each year the deacons work with the school and other organizations to help families during the holidays. Boxes are filled with 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. 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.

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 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 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" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. A BIG thank you to Nancy Boone for knitting a variety of hats and scarves to compliment the coats. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

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>

REFRESHMENT AND FELLOWSHIP before worship will not be held Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> due to the picnic luncheon scheduled for after worship.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE: Bible study and Sunday School will be discussed with the new pastor once he is moved in and established. Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information and opportunities to serve.

DONATIONS of coupons for veterans continue to be received. Please make sure they are manufacturer coupons and that they have not expired. If the date is close that's ok, we can take up to one month expired. Please cut the coupons and separate them into food and non-food groups. A box is located at the back of the sanctuary for collection. Thank you to all who continue to support this program.

CHURCH PARKING - 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 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.

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Mike Bobula Communion with Elder Gene Artman
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<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.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
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	11:00 a.m.	Worship