

## 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 November 10, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

#### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Barb Brown, Liturgist

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

**Opening Prayer** 

#### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Arr. Hustad

Organ, Pam Lewis and Piano, Cindy Borbonus

Introit #342

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to God a new song.

**People:** May all that have breath sing to the Lord. Leader: Let us praise his name with all that we are.

People: May God's name be praised forever and ever.

Almighty God, you have raised your Son, Jesus, from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have failed to fully acknowledge his rule in our lives and submit to his lordship. Instead, we follow our own ways and the ways of the world, deceiving ourselves that we are in control. Hear our confession, O God, forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Renew us as your children, redeemed and joyful, always loving and serving you in this world. In Jesus' glorious name. AMEN.

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn # 728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Confession

- \*Assurance of Forgiveness
- \*Gloria Patri
- \*Sharing of the Peace Children's Message

#### DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson Romans 5:1-2

Anthem "We Need the Lord" Arr. Purifoy

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson II Corinthians 9:8

Sermon "Limitless Grace" 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 # 731

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

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 Insert "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Response
- \*Postlude

(\*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, Barb Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Visual, Brylea Borbonus and John Bruner; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Bob Cosharek.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents by Gary and Barri Stuchal.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be offered today following worship. If you would like your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

TODAY is the last Sunday to bring in your Hygiene Kit items. We will gather Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to assemble them. Financial gifts are welcome to help offset the cost of shipping and purchasing additional items.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be served Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Today is the last day to get your reservations in. Please use a bulletin insert available on the table at the back of the sanctuary to rsvp and let us know what dish you might bring to share or how you might help with the dinner.

TURKEY COOKS are still needed. 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.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Please bring proof of residence in the Blairsville Borough when signing up for the first time.

BIBLE STUDY has started. A morning study is held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and an evening study is held Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor John leads the groups in a study of the book of Hebrews. ZOOM access is available to those who would like to participate from home. Please call the church office for more information.

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 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 GRANNY'S HOLIDAY DISPLAY is coming!! Watch the parlor for handmade items to purchase for your holiday giving. All proceeds are used in the mission outreach of the grannies.

A FREE VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT will be held at the River Valley Senior High School auditorium on Monday 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.

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.

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.

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.

CALLING ALL SINGERS or instrumental groups. Blairsville Monday Music Club is hosting the annual Christmas Concert, December 9<sup>th</sup> at SS Simon and Jude Church. We are having a community choir which will sing 3 selections at the end of the concert. We welcome all individuals who enjoy singing to participate. Rehearsals are as follows: Mondays, November 4, 18, 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church and Mondays, December 2 and 9, at 7:00 p.m. at SS Simon and Jude Church.

OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT is scheduled for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in Fellowship Hall to watch "I Heard the Bells," the inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas carol. Snacks will be available and donations will be accepted to help cover the cost. All are welcome!

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.

THE CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY are invited to purchase delicious holiday treats for gift giving, holiday parties, etc. at our Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Who has time to bake dozens of different cookies? No need, just make your best cookies and shop for the rest! Cost is \$8 per pound and proceeds will help supply diapers and wipes to our Kids Closet and replenish our Deacon's Pantry.

THE DEACONS are collecting unused greeting cards and luggage for the patients at Torrance State Hospital. Please set any donations at the back of the sanctuary.

CALLING ALL BAKERS... families in the congregation are asked to donate cookies, candies, or holiday treats (no cupcakes, cakes, or pies) for our Christmas Cookie Sale to be held Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All baked goods may be dropped off in a disposable container on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact the church office. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary. Please let us know what kind of cookie you will be donating so we don't have too many duplicates!

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

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Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies Meet
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
Wednesday	<sup>7</sup> 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 a.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	WIC Meets in Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Assemble Hygiene Kits
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
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