



For God

so Loved the World,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever believes
in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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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November 17, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: May the love of God, the joy of Christ and
the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Our Sacrifice of Praise" Arr. Wyrzten
Organ, Pam Lewis and Piano, Cindy Borbonus

Introit #88 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment.
Love one another."

People: All will know we are Christians by our love.

Leader: Jesus said, "Love one another, just as I have loved you."

People: As Christ's disciples, we are marked by love.

*Hymn # 358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our comforter and guide, we confess all our transgressions that come between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves, yet so readily detect in others. God of light expose us to the sin within ourselves, that we may humbly confess it and turn from it, so that we may live in the graciousness of your love and forgiveness. AMEN.

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

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson		Jeremiah 31:3
Anthem	"Blessings"	Arr. Story
	Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
Scripture Lesson		John 3:16-17
Sermon	"Limitless Love"	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 # 81 "We Gather Together"
- Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- 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 # 725 "Thanks to God for My Redeemer"

- *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 Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Visual, Brennan Borbonus and Doug Clayton; 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 memory of loved ones by Terry and Barb Brown.

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THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Kinsley Faith Faulk, daughter of Joseph and Brittany Faulk, is baptized into Christ and the family of faith.

A SESSION MEETING will be held in Fellowship Hall Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the church parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor John is leading 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.

NEXT SUNDAY following the worship service, we will gather around tables in Fellowship Hall to share our annual Thanksgiving meal together. Reservations are made. If you would like to help out by roasting a turkey, peeling potatoes, setting tables or cleaning up, please see Andrea Clayton. Many hands make light work.

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 7th 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 Grannies will also have a display of their homemade items to purchase that day for your gift giving needs.

MILITARY CHRISTMAS CARDS

During the next couple weeks, we will be collecting Christmas card greetings for hospitalized veterans across the country and deployed military personnel around the world. Please see the steps below to complete each card. They are due by December 1. Please deposit your cards in the red Christmas Box at the back of the sanctuary. Each card should include:

1. Greeting: "Dear Warrior"
2. Add a holiday greeting
3. Add a personal message
4. Sign your first name ONLY
5. Add your city and state
6. No envelopes

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 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your fellow bakers, family and friends, to participate. All baked goods may be dropped off in a disposable container on Friday, December 6th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the sale on December 7th. 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!

OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th 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!

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.

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”. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

CALLING ALL SINGERS or instrumental groups. Blairsville Monday Music Club is hosting the annual Christmas Concert, December 9th 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.

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 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 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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptism
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner

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