



*He himself
is before all
things, and in
him all things
hold together.*

COLOSSIANS 1:17, NRSV

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 24, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Stacy Faulk, 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Arr. Berry/Bennett

Introit "Simple Gifts"
Arr. Bill Ingram
The Handbell Choir – Vicky Westley, Director

Call to Worship

Leader: Through all generations,
God has been our dwelling place.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth,

Leader: Before the earth and the universe were created,

People: From everlasting to everlasting, God is!

*Hymn # 359 "Give Thanks"

*Prayer of Confession

We come before you now to confess our sins, fully aware that you know every detail. It is not to inform you of anything, but to seek your forgiveness. For the many ways we have sinned and gone astray, may your grace and mercy rein down upon us. Renewed and restored, lead us on to be your light in this darkened world. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1:15-20

Anthem

“Give Thanks to God”

Arr. Petersen

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 19:11-16

Sermon

“King of Kings”

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in Truth as a living reality, not captured in theory or a creed, but revealed to those who love the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God. Because I believe I trust, not blindly but open eyed and bold forever steadfast in the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God. Because I believe I serve, not as a slave that serves a tyrant but like farmers reaping a harvest in season in the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.

*Hymn # 22

“Let All Things Now Living”

Remembering Church Members and Loved Ones

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 # 721

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*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, Stacy Faulk; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Handbell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; Audio/Visual, Karen and John Kerin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of John and Anna Mae Turkovich by daughter, Diana Blazek.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be served today immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for a time of wonderful food and fellowship. It's a season to be thankful to God for all he has done for us!

BIBLE STUDY will not be held Wednesday or Thursday this week due to the holiday. We will resume in December. Please call the church office for more information.

OUR CHOIRS will not rehearse this Wednesday. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, December 4th.

ADVENT begins next Sunday, December 1st. Our devotional this year was sent by email to those on our churchwide email list. If you did not receive the email and would like the devotional sent to you, please drop a note in the offering plate with your email address or call the church office. A few hard copies are available in 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 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. through the church office or Saturday morning from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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!

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 beginning 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. We hope to see you on December 7th!

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!

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.

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 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.

MILITARY CHRISTMAS CARDS

During the next week, 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 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 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS this week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday, the office is closed. Correspondence can be emailed to the office at upchurch@r-church.com. Phone messages can also be left 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 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.

POINSETTIA ORDERS will be received through Sunday, December 8th. Cost per flower is \$10 and our vendor is Frank's Flowers in Indiana. Please use the bulletin insert to place your order. Thank you to the deacons for coordinating the beauty of the flowers for the Christmas season. If you plan to have individual flowers delivered, please let the office know.

THE GRANNIES have a display setup in the parlor of their homemade items to purchase for your gift giving needs. A list of a variety of items and costs are available at the back of the sanctuary or in the parlor by the display. If you have any questions, please see a granny.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies will meet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
Thursday		<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> Church Office Closed
Sunday		First Sunday of Advent
	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Grannies Handmade Christmas Items

Available year round. Special orders taken.

Contact the church office, 724-459-7991

Animals, stuffed	\$10
Aprons	\$5
Bags.....	\$3
Card Holders	\$5
Coasters, quilted	4/\$6
Dining Scarf/Bib	\$5
Dish Cloths, knitted.....	medium \$4, large \$5
Hair Scrunchie.....	\$2
Hats	\$6
Heart Pillows (great for post operative care).....	\$5
Hot Pads, quilted	medium \$5
Hot Pads, knitted/crocheted	medium \$4, large \$5
Kitchen Sets	\$10
Lap Robe	\$20
Pillow Cases embroidered.....	\$5
Place Mats, Steelers	\$5 each or 4/\$16
Place Mats, Christmas	\$5 each or 4/\$16
Plastic Bag Holder.....	\$3
Runners	small \$7, medium \$10, large \$12
Scrubby, netting	\$3
Swiffer Cover	\$5
Towels	single \$4, double \$6
Walker Bag.....	\$5



The Board of Deacons are offering the congregation the opportunity to order Christmas Flowers. Please use this form to place your order and write your dedication for the bulletin on the back. Also, let the office know if you're having plants delivered to the church for Christmas time and your desired dedication for the bulletin.

Cost per flower is \$10.00

Poinsettia color is red

Vendor is Frank's Flowers

Payment with order is appreciated by December 8th

Make checks payable to "Board of Deacons"

2024 POINSETTIA ORDER

Purchased by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity: _____ Total \$: _____

BULLETIN DEDICATION(S)

IN MEMORY OF: _____

Given by: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

Given by: _____