



**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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January 19, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Terry Brown, Liturgist

Leader: The love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Response of Praise

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary, O for you.**

Minute for Mission

Carole Reed, Family Promise

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude "Each Step I Take" Arr. Mercer

Call to Worship

Leader: God has set this day before us,

**People: A day of praise and worship.**

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

**People: A span of years to love, learn and serve.**

Leader: God has set his seal upon our hearts,

**People: So that we might fully live into his profound love.**

\*Hymn # 652 "This Is the Day"

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you know all things and nothing can be hidden from you, so we now admit what you already know. We have sinned against you and your commands in countless ways. We**

**pray for your forgiveness. As we are freed and renewed, help us to walk in this world as worthy disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

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

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:22-24

Anthem

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

By Thompson

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:7-10

Sermon

“The Depth of Christ’s Sacrifice”

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 # 48 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 631

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

\*Benediction

\*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, Terry Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Visual, Ewan and Brennan Borbonus; Ushers, Bob and Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Gene Artman.

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

ACTIVITY BAGS have been prepared for our Young Disciples. Children are invited to pick one up on their way into worship. At the end of the service, please return your bag to the back of the sanctuary so it can be prepared for the following week.

WE WELCOME Carole Reed, Network Director of Family Promise of Indiana County as our guest this morning. She will share information about Family Promise and their mission to families in our county.

TODAY following worship, we invite you to stay to hear some important information regarding the larger church. An important vote will be taken at presbytery in February. The outcome could affect our local congregation.

FOLLOWING the presentation, the Worship Committee will gather in the parlor for a brief meeting.

THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH will host the Community Service of Christian Unity today at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will try once again to meet Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. In case of bad weather, a ZOOM meeting will be held.

THE ELDERS will gather for a session meeting Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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 meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you enjoy needle work and would like some fellowship as you stitch, you are welcome. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. This meeting is an annual review of the work of the church. Committee chairs and treasurers are asked to have year-end reports to the church office today. If you need further information for your report, please call the church office 724-459-7991.

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 DEACONS are planning a CPR Training Class for the new year. If you are interested in attending, please see Susie Cotti or call the church office. A date and time will be set once we see how many are interested.

A COMMUNITY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL for 2025 is planned. If you feel led to share a devotion, please contact the church office. Devotions can be sent to, [upchurch@r-church.com](mailto:upchurch@r-church.com) or drop off a hard copy by Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Monday, April 7—reserved

Tuesday, April 8—Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28

Wednesday, April 9—Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34

THE UPLIFT NEWSLETTER is now coming to you by email. A few hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please contact the church office with your email address or send it to the office email at [upchurch@r-church.com](mailto:upchurch@r-church.com).

THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is some of the most important in the life of the church. Those serving have the responsibility to bring before the congregation the names of members who will potentially serve as elders and deacons. The Nominating Committee will be elected at the January 26<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting. Members of this committee should have: an understanding of the nature, ministry and mission of the church; an awareness of the spiritual nature of the offices of elder and deacon; a knowledge of the impending challenges before the church; a familiarity with the members of the congregation and the potential gifts and abilities they bring to service; a spirit of prayer as they approach this work.

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Minute for Mission
	12:00 p.m.	Important Presentation
	12:15 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Community Service of Christian Unity at Second Baptist Church
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting

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