

You are to
give him the name
JESUS, because
he **WILL SAVE**
HIS PEOPLE
from their sins.
M A T T H E W 1:21, NIV

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 26, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, 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.**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Jesus" Arr. Mercer

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God and call upon his holy name.

People: We make God's deeds known among all people.

Leader: Sing to God, make a joyful noise unto Almighty God.

People: Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

*Hymn # 106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess now the many ways we sin against you
and your word. We have been half-hearted in the work you call us
to, to our witness to the world, and in our love of our neighbors.
Forgive us, O God. Restore us to wholeness, that we may seek to
do your will day by day. AMEN.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118:15-20

Anthem

“No Other Name But Jesus”

Arr. Smiley

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:21

Sermon

“The Name Above All Names”

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty.

I believe in Jesus Christ for salvation.

I believe I am a child of God.

I trust fully in God.

I believe the Bible is the inspired word of God.

I believe in the sovereignty and reign of the God of all creation.

I believe in the family of God, uniting all in one faith.

*Hymn # 426

“Blessed Assurance”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 473

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Benediction

*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, Todd and Stacy Faulk; Ushers, Bob and Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today immediately following worship. This meeting is an annual review of the work of the church. We hope you will stay.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Granny Room. There are tasks for everyone. All are welcome.

A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION meeting will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Children's Sunday School Program. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please see Todd or Stacy Faulk.

THE ELDERS will gather for a session meeting Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is the first meeting of the new year and will be an organizational and business gathering.

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.

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.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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.

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.

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway by the office. Flowers will now be provided by Indiana Floral. The cost will be **\$25 per arrangement**. The \$5 increase from \$20 is to cover a delivery fee from Indiana. Please take time to sign up for your choice of dates. Contact Chris Antis or the church office with any questions or concerns.

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.

OUR DEACONS are collecting toiletries and cleaning supplies for the people in the Carolinas and Tennessee, who are still impacted from hurricane Helene. The collection box will be placed in back of the church during the month of February. Because there are victims living in tents, various types of heaters are needed also. If anyone wishes to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to Helping Hands of Haywood and submit it to Pam Lewis or Pastor John. Your gift is tax deductible as Helping Hands is a registered 501(c)(3) charity.

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 welcomed.

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.

THE 8TH ANNUAL TROOP 4 Soup and Chili Cookoff will be held Sunday, February 16th in Fellowship Hall from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person ages 6 years and up. Price includes all samples, bread, drink and dessert. Make plans to join the boy scouts for another lunch of warm soups and chili. Proceeds benefit the troop's expenses throughout the year.

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ONLINE GIVING



EACH YEAR the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please call the church office.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell 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	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion