



Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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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February 16, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Pam Lewis, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

Response of Praise

**This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

Minute for Mission

Doug Clayton, Boy Scouts

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“A Quiet Place”

Arr. Hustad

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us give our thanks for all God has done
and continues to do.

**People: We give God thanks for his mercy
and steadfast love.**

Leader: We know the presence of God is always with us.

People: Both night and day, the Light of the World leads us.

Leader: Let us praise God.

People: May he be praised forever and ever.

*Hymn # 21 “This Is My Father’s World”

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, forgive us we pray. Even when we want and know what is good, we often fail to do it. Sin dwells within our thoughts, our words and our deeds. By faith, restore us and revive

a right spirit within us, that we may, with your help, be grounded in grace, loving all whom we encounter. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

II Corinthians 5:17-21

Anthem

“Written In Red”

Arr. Kirkland

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

I Thessalonians 5:12-24

Sermon

“The Journey of Sanctification”

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 # 452

“Through It All”

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 # 422

“Amazing Grace!”

*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, Pam Lewis; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Visual, Ewan and Brennan Borbonus; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

WE WELCOME Doug Clayton, Boy Scout Troop 4 leader. He will share a minute for mission with information about the scouting program.

THE 8TH ANNUAL TROOP 4 Soup and Chili Cookoff will be held today following worship 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. We hope you will plan to stay and support the Boy Scouts. Proceeds benefit the troop's expenses throughout the year.

A JOINT MEETING of elders, deacons and staff will be held Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following the joint meeting, the elders will hold their Session meeting. Elders can pick up their packets for the session meeting from the church 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. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

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.

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 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.

THE GRANNIES would like you help. They are going to begin a project of making "fidget quilts", similar to toddler activity books. They will be collecting zippers, shoe laces, Velcro, D-rings, buttons, etc. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary for any donations.

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 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.

CPR TRAINING has been set for Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending, please see Susie Cotti or call the church office.

EACH WEEK, the adult Sunday school class considers some of the big issues in life and in faith. It is a discussion format to explore each of the issues then we apply the truth of God's word to the discussion. Some topics we have dealt with include: the problem of evil, sovereignty of God and what is true faith. The class meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. You are invited.

MARK YOUR CALENDER, Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9th. Remember to change your clocks.

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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Minute for Mission
	12:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Soup & Chili Cookoff
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Meeting & Rehearsal Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of Elders, Deacons & Staff followed by the 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
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship