



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 23, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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 "We Shall Behold Him" Arr. Mercer

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us set aside all distractions and turn our hearts
to God in worship.

**People: With grateful hearts, we come before God,
ready to offer our praises.**

Leader: Shout for joy, all you children of God!

People: We worship God with shouts of joy!

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.

People: We are indeed, the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn # 300 "In the Garden"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we admit before you and one another the sin that so
easily entangles us. We and you know the depth of our sinfulness.
We have been guilty of pride, unbelief, and worldliness. We thank
you that our sins have been laid upon Christ, making our**

restoration possible. Deliver us from everything that dims the brightness of your grace. In Jesus' restoring name. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

I Timothy 1:12-17

Anthem

"Think About His Love"

Arr. McDonald

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

Romans 14:11-12

Sermon

"Absolute? Absolutely!"

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe God is sovereignly directing my life.

I proclaim Christ alone as my Lord and Savior.

The Holy Spirit is my guide.

I walk boldly in faith in all my days.

*Hymn # 502

"Be Thou My Vision"

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 # 109

"O, How I Love 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, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Kim McKinney.

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor John will begin leading the groups through the book of Ephesians. 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.

DURING THE MONTH of March the Deacon's will be collecting paper products for the Alice Paul house. Items needed are paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, and hand wipes. There will be a box in the back of the church for these products. A representative from Alice Paul House will present a moment for mission on Sunday, March 16.

THE DEACON'S KIDS CLOSET is available to families in the community who may need clothing for their children. The Kids Closet is open to the public Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Fridays as volunteers are available. Please call the church office for details. Donations for the Kids Closet of sizes from newborn to young adult are always welcomed.

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway by the office. Flowers are now being provided by Indiana Floral. The cost is \$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 GRANNIES would like your 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.

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 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.

WE ARE LOOKING for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to Chris Antis.

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.

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
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies Meet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	CPR Training in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	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
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	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Greenfield