



Now they know that
everything you have
given me is from you;
for the words that
you gave to me
I have given to them.

John 17:7, 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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February 9, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: Welcome to the house of the Lord.

People: We come with hearts full of joy.

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.**

Boy Scouts Troop 4

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"
Arr. Bennett/Berry

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and celebrate, people of God.

People: We sing and shout our praises.

Leader: God comes to us triumphant and victorious.

People: Yet gentle and humble of heart.

Leader: He comes bringing peace,

People: Offering hope to all who despair.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

*Hymn # 427 "You Are My All in All"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, as we stand before you, we admit what you are well aware of - we have sinned against you in countless ways in

thought, word and deed. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to wholeness and renew a right spirit within us. In Jesus' redeeming name. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:13-23

Anthem

“Written In Red”

Arr. Kirkland

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

John 17:6-19

Sermon

“The Most Important Distinction”

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe God is sovereignly directing my life.

I proclaim Christ as my Lord and Savior.

The Holy Spirit is my friend and guide.

I walk boldly in faith, gratefully enjoying each day given to me.

*Hymn # 426

“Blessed Assurance”

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

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

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 442

“Tis So Sweet to Trust 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, Mary Anzelone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Visual, Brylea Borbonus and John Bruner; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Bob Cosharek.

TODAY we will receive the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering. All gifts will be sent to ICCAP in support of the Indiana County Food Bank. Please see the bulletin insert for additional information.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet briefly after worship today. All those interested in being a part of this committee are invited to stay. Please see Jean Heberling.

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

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

THE FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION will be held Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. till noon from Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville Borough.

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 to join the group. 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 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.

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 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 WERE NOTIFIED this week that Rev. Bob Tolar passed away February 3rd. Rev. Tolar was our interim minister from 1995-1997. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please keep the family in your prayers.

THE 8TH ANNUAL TROOP 4 Soup and Chili Cookoff will be held next 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.

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 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.

CORRECTION to the February Newsletter. Under the February Worship Schedule, ushers should be Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman. Sorry for the confusion.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Scout Sunday
	12:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
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.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Dean's Diner
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