

“He will separate
people one
from another as
a shepherd
separates
the SHEEP from the GOATS.”

Matthew 25:32, 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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November 26, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles John Clark Bruner, Acolyte

Introit # 661 *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

*All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 100*)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn # 342 *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy
realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow
where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to
love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may
return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Sacrament of Baptism

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will resume rehearsals this Wednesday, November 29th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cantata rehearsal will follow choir at 7:45 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA will be presented to the congregation Sunday, December 17th during morning worship. "Invitation to a Miracle" is the title of this year's cantata. We hope you will plan to come and listen to the sounds of the season!

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, November 30th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

OFFICER TRAINING is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd immediately following worship. Oncoming elders and deacons are asked to please bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for a time of conversation.

OUR DEVOTIONAL this Advent season is entitled, "Oh Holy Night!" by Sarah Reinhard. Advent is a season of preparation, so it's naturally busy, even without the cultural stress of more, more, more. Let Advent be your gift to the baby Jesus, a way to get your heart and soul ready to receive him on Christmas Day. May this devotional serve you and your family well, helping you to prepare for the arrival of our Savior with prayer and action. May your Advent be blessed with Jesus, and may your family be better for it. The Season of Advent begins Sunday, December 3rd.

PLANS are being considered for a Christmas Program! This year we would like to present a Christmas Program Sunday evening, December 17th. Sunday School students from the Nursery class thru the High School class are invited to participate. We would love to have all our students take part in this year's program. Please consider whether your child or children will be available and willing to participate. We would like to know who would like to be involved sometime today. Rehearsals will be scheduled soon. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus or call the church office at 724-459-7991. Thank you!

THANK YOU to all who helped make our Thanksgiving dinner a success again this year. To those who stepped up to help the committee, those who prepared food, set-up and cleaned-up, those who contributed monetarily, the worship speakers and especially all the kitchen help, it was much appreciated. Thank you to all who stayed and enjoyed the meal and fellowship. We are so thankful for our church family!

JOIN IN the fun and come to the Blairsville Monday Music Club Christmas Concert at Saint Simon and Jude Catholic Church December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to sing in the community choir please practice with the club December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at SS Simon and Jude. All are welcome!

CALLING ALL BAKERS... families in the congregation are asked to donate at least 4 dozen cookies, candies, or holiday treats (no cupcakes, cakes, or pies) for our Annual Holiday Cookie Sale to be held Saturday, December 16th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your fellow bakers, family, friends, co-workers, groups or organizations to participate. All baked goods may be dropped off in a disposable container on Friday, December 15th from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 1:00-3:00 p.m. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the sale on December 16th. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Erica Ash, Nancy Hartmann or the church office. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary. Please let us know what kind of cookie you will be donating so we don't have too many duplicates!

THE CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY are invited to purchase delicious holiday treats for gift giving, holiday parties, etc. on Saturday, December 16th. Who has time to bake dozens of different cookies? No need, just make your best cookies and shop for the rest! Cookies are \$7.00/pound and all proceeds benefit the Pathway Homeless Shelter.

FABULOUS FIRS will be held Saturday, December 2nd from 12:00-7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Community Center. Deadline for participants is November 24th. For more information, contact Dorinda Eckenroad at 724-459-6148 or the church office.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

LITURGISTS are an important part of our worship service. If you are interested in assisting in worship as a liturgist or would like more information, please see Elaine Jellison.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Tuesday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Staff Evaluations
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	New Member Orientation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	12:00 p.m.	Officer Training
		<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>