



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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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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

Cindy Borbonus, Pianist

Lighting of the Candles

Eli Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 9 vs. 4 *"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"*

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;

His holy will obey and harden not your hearts.

His ways are best; and lead at last,

all troubles past, to perfect rest.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 24*)

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**People: Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

*Hymn # 176 *"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"*

*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.
You have come to live among us, yet we have failed to welcome
you. You call us to rise up in Christ, yet we remain in the dust
of death. Forgive us, God of grace. Like our brother Lazarus,
unbind us and let us go, so that we may walk in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg. 652 of OT)
Anthem	<i>"Leaning on the Everlasting"</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	John 11:32-44 (pg. 105 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith

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.

(Apostles' Creed)

- *Hymn # 529 *"For All the Saints"*
- Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors"*)
- Choral Amen
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Offertory
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 342 *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *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 church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are 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; Acolyte, Eli Borbonus; Ushers, Nancy Boone, Shakira, Kim and Ron McKinney; Projection, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Joanne Torrance.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Kim McKinney or Beverly Lindsey.

A SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING will be received today for the family of Pastor Eugene Rubanda. Pastor Eugene was one of the "founding fathers" of the Rwanda Partnership. He was recently diagnosed with *liver metastasis* and lost his battle with this disease Thursday, October 22nd. Pastor Eugene was about 55 years old and leaves behind his wife, Editha and several children. We ask for your prayers for them at this time. It is the wish of the Partnership Committee that funds collected for Pastor Eugene's treatment now be directed to assist his widow and family. Their financial needs are immediate and will be ongoing.

BOY SCOUTS will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 3rd. Voting will be held all day in Fellowship Hall.

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 Shirley McLaughlin.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor avaccination clinic at the Blairsville Community Center December 16 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. You are eligible for vaccines at low or no cost if you are underinsured or uninsured. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, November 3rd from the kitchen side of Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence.

OUR BELL CHOIR rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We still need ringers for our lower octaves. We would love to have you join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always appreciated. We will begin rehearsing special music for the holidays on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. If you are interested in participating during this time, we would love to have you. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. for their annual holiday dinner.

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

OUR 8TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held Sunday, November 22nd immediately following worship. Mark your calendar and plan to join our church family for a great Thanksgiving meal and fellowship! Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation by November 15th.

WE ARE in the process of updating our clearances for all children's ministry workers, elders, deacons and staff. If you received your Child Abuse Clearance form in the mail, please bring it to the office so we can make a copy for our records.

AN ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER will be held at the Chestnut Hills Social Center today from noon to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance. All proceeds benefit the Blairsville Development Authority Shade Tree Commission Project. Call the center for more information at 724-459-5251.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND directed by Dave Brozeski will present its' annual Veteran's Day performance at the Center for the Performing Arts located at the Blairsville High School on Wednesday night, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, but voluntary donations for the support of the band are appreciated. Enjoy a local live concert as the band plays a tribute to our veterans and active service men and women. The band's musical tribute to our US military veteran's will include music popular in every era. Don't miss this one!

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are still dates available. Our deacons thank you.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure checks
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank
		Election Day – voting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Society Dinner
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

MISSION MOMENT - *Europe*

YouTube has an amazing three-minute video that shows the hundreds of border changes that have occurred between nations in Europe over the past 15 centuries, often as the result of international wars. Although some tensions do remain between European countries, it is increasingly the differences between people groups within countries that lead to conflict, with majority and minority populations of different languages, cultural identities, and religious heritage vying against one another for power.

While waves of immigration from other places within and beyond Europe have brought huge enrichment to many societies, recent elections across the continent reveal a rising fear of the impact of new immigration. Discrimination against and attacks on those who are “different” occur all too often. And the gap between the very rich and sections of the population that remain poor and marginalized is growing. Such realities call for ministries that address root causes of poverty and engage in reconciliation as an integral part of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, who came not to erect but to break down barriers. Many of our sisters and brothers in the churches are involved in just such compassionate and prophetic witness as they live out a gospel vision in the midst of an increasingly secular setting.

—Rev. Doug Baker, PC(USA) regional liaison for Ireland and the United Kingdom