



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

Barb Brown, 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

Austin Baker, Acolyte

Introit

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

Call to Worship (*Psalm 95*)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

*Hymn # 726

"We Praise You, O God"

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we
cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and
image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 105:1-6 (pg. 556 of OT)

Anthem “*In the Morning, Joy*”

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 80 of NT)

Thanksgiving – Through the Memories and Eyes of.....

Bobbi Monroe – Jen Borbonus – Bonni Dunlap

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1&2)*

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.

*Hymn # 723 *“For the Fruit of All Creation”*
 Remembering Members and Friends
 Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
 Choral Amen
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory *“We Gather Together”*
 Arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon
 *Doxology
 *Prayer of Dedication
 *Hymn # 22 *“Let All Things Now Living”*
 *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, Barb Brown; Acolyte, Austin Baker; Ushers, the Tonkin family; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Tyler Moran; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; 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 Terry and Barb Brown.

YOU'RE INVITED! Our church family Thanksgiving Dinner will be served today following worship. Everyone is welcome around our tables. Please stay and fellowship with the family.

THE DEACONS will distribute Thanksgiving Baskets Monday, November 20th from Fellowship Hall.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION will be held Sunday, December 3rd at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. New members will unite with the congregation during worship Sunday, December 10th. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Monroe.

THE OFFICE will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Please have announcements for next week's bulletin to the office by Tuesday, November 21st. Thank you.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held this evening at the First United Methodist Church. Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. The community service is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium.

PLANS are being considered for a Christmas Program! Traditionally this service has been held on a Sunday morning or the early service on Christmas Eve. 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 years' program. Please consider whether your child or children will be available and willing to participate. We would like to know who will be involved by next Sunday, November 26th. Rehearsals will be scheduled soon. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus, Marilyn Neal, a Sunday School teacher or call the church office.

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. 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.

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 November 20 at the Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. and December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at SS Simon and Jude. All are welcome!

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.

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.

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 CHOIRS will take the week off from rehearsals to prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, November 29th. The bell choir will begin at 6:00 p.m., chancel choir will begin at 7:00 p.m. and cantata will begin at 7:45 p.m.

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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	New Member Orientation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Worship at First United Methodist Church
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
		Office Closed
Friday		Office Closed
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved



Happy Thanksgiving!