



SEEK THE LORD
and his strength;
seek his presence
continually.

Psalm 105:4, 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 22, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Brent Ritchie, 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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 435 vs. 3 *"Like a River Glorious"*

*Every joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
we may trust him fully all for us to do;
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

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 # 726

"We Praise You, O God"

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have given us many good gifts. Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you. We confess wanting more and more. Forgive us for not being content and thankful. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love you more than everything else. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace		
Special Music	<i>"He Is Exalted"</i>	Sunday School Children
Time with the Younger Saints		Cindy Borbonus

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 105:1-6 (pg. 556 of OT)
Anthem “Crown Him Lord of All”
Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
New Testament Lesson I Thessalonians 5:14-18 (pg. 205 of NT)
Thanksgiving – Through the Memories and Eyes of.....
Nancy Boone - Ron Hood - Todd Faulk

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)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory “Give Thanks” Sunday School Children

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 14 *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 721 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response *“God Bless You and Keep You”*

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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 Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Joan & Kayla Moran and Rick & Willa Shoemaker; Projection, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; 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 Bill and Vicky Westley.

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

TODAY is our Annual Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner. We will gather around tables in Fellowship Hall following worship. Friends and visitors are welcome.

WIC will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, November 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

BOY SCOUTS will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, November 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

THE DAISY TROOP will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m.

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the holiday.

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.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP will be held today at 7:00 p.m. at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Blairsville. The speaker will be Dan Cunkleman. The service is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium.

ONCE AGAIN the Deacons will assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the community. We ask that you consider donating food items or giving a monetary contribution. Articles of food can include: canned fruit or vegetables, boxed baked goods, pie fillings, Jello, boxes of stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, just to name a few. Boxes will be available at the back of the church for the collection of food donations. Please check expiration dates on items before donating them. If any member of the congregation is aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving basket please contact Pastor Tim or a member of the Deacons. Thank you for your generous help. We look forward to sharing another happy holiday with our community!

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. This Wednesday rehearsal has been cancelled.

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY invites you to bring your family or guest and drop in for cider, sandwiches, and a variety of community activities for the Christmas season. Come and go when you can—and rsvp by November 30th. Email ctappy@pts.edu or call reception at 412-362-5610.

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. This Wednesday rehearsals have been cancelled.

THE NIGHTENGALS will be singing Christmas music at the Koffee Shoppe Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. and the community is invited. Come out and enjoy the sounds of the season!

COOKIES WANTED...The Evangelism committee is asking all families in the congregation 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 19th, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 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 18th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions contact Erica Ash or the church office. A sign-up sheet will be placed 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/dozen and all proceeds benefit the Pathway Homeless Shelter. Thank you very much for your support!

MISSION MOMENT - Afghanistan

A Christian woman from the United States visited an Afghan organization that had set up orphanages for the daughters of those massacred by the Taliban four years earlier. They talked for hours about their lives and different worlds. The girls were eager to share dreams of their future and the vision of a democratic Afghanistan safe for all, especially women and children. When they asked the woman why she had come, she replied: "There are people in my church who want to know about your lives. I came to learn." The next question took her by surprise. "Why are you a Christian?" asked one the adults who had been sitting quietly in the back of the room filled with children and youth. "I love Jesus because he is the only religious leader I know who, when addressing how a man should deal with lust when looking at a woman, said that the man should put out his own eye. He doesn't tell women to cover or hide to avoid a man's gaze but tells men to pluck out their eyes if necessary." The air in the room immediately shifted. It was as if everyone had just drawn in a quick breath. Every face in the room lit up. Heads nodded. Astonished and inquisitive smiles marked every countenance. The conversation went on, but everything had changed. They all knew that they had a new friend and advocate for their safe and free future.

—Rachel Anderson, *itineration support, Presbyterian World Mission*

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Church Thanksgiving Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Worship
Monday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meets
		No rehearsal for choirs
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday		Office Closed
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Randy Stear