

“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

- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 1:15-23 (pg. 192 of NT)
Anthem	<i>“Sing Forth His Glorious Name”</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 29 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy 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)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 337 “We Will Glorify”

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

*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 Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Acolyte, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, the Baker family and Naomi Sigafoes; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; 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 Marilyn Neal.

THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Abel John Graham, son of Tyler Graham and Penny Ruffner, is baptized into Christ and the family of faith.

A 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.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, November 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Grannies also have a display of items for sale to support their ministry. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

THE PERSONEL COMMITTEE will meet with staff Wednesday, November 29th beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley, director.

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>