



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

Bonni Dunlap, 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

Acolyte

Introit # 176 vs. 3 *"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"*

Redeemer, come!

I open wide my heart to you: here, Lord, abide!

Let me your inner presence feel:

Your grace and love in me reveal.

Call to Worship

Leader: For the Lord himself will come down from Heaven
with a loud command,

**People: With the voice of the archangel,
and the trumpet call of God,**

Leader: And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**People: After that, we who are still alive and are left
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.**

Leader: And so we will be with the Lord forever,

People: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Hymn # 523

"Soon and Very Soon"

*Prayer of Confession

**God of our salvation, we know that the time will come when the
waiting will be over and Your Kingdom will come into full view.
Those who have neglected to respond to Your invitation will be
caught unprepared. Neither last-minute appeals nor hasty
promises will make any difference. The door will be shut.
Entrance impossible. Your invitation is before us now. Lord, grant
us wisdom to accept Your plan of salvation. Then we will know
that we are fully prepared for the celebration of Your Kingdom.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Faulk Family

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in November's dark night.*

*While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson Psalm 122 (pg. 571 of OT)

Anthem “Visit Us, Emmanuel”

Chancel Choir, Director, Cindy Borbonus

Scripture Lessons

Mark 13:24-37 (pg. 50 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Ron Libengood

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 at 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.

*Hymn # 525 *“When We All Get to Heaven”*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offerstory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 154 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude *(*All who are able, please stand.)*

WE WELCOME and thank Rev. Ron Libengood for coming to share a message in worship this morning. Please be sure to greet him before you leave.

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, Bonni Dunlap; Advent Readers, the Faulk family; Projector, 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 Marilyn Neal.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, November 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. There are two open positions in the three octave choir. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. Christmas cantata rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the special music is invited to attend rehearsals. The cantata will be presented Sunday, December 18th. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, December 1st 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 the group.

THE DEACONS are collecting cards for Torrance patients to use. Any type of cards can be left in the box in the back of the sanctuary.

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.

CPR TRAINING is being coordinated by the Deacons. If you are interested in attending a training event, please call the church office at 724-459-7991 or see Susie Cotti. The date will be set according to the availability of attendees.

TODAY is the First Sunday of Advent. "Hope-Full Living" is the title of this year's Advent devotional booklet. It includes daily devotions for living life to the fullest. These devotions have been written by other older adults who hope and pray that this Advent will be a new and exciting ADVENTure for you and yours.

THE FABULOUS FIRS EVENT is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Blairsville Community Center. Organizations can participate by providing a decorated tree, wreath, spray or centerpiece. They are voted on by the public for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and then are sold. The proceeds benefit the Blairsville Community Center and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Friends of the Blairsville Parks and Recreation Foundation Scholarship Fund. Deadline to participate is Friday, November 25th.

BLAIRSVILLE'S LIGHT UP NIGHT will be held Saturday, December 3rd. Many activities are planned. Luminaries to honor a loved one are available for \$5.00 each. A luminary lighting ceremony will be held near the diamond following the parade which begins at 5:30 p.m. During the ceremony luminaries will be lit. The names of loved ones will be displayed on a scroll and sky lanterns will be released at the end of the ceremony as a symbol of tribute. Luminary order forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold a Chili/Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser Sunday, December 4th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Fifteen plus varieties of chili and soup will be available in addition to salad, bread, dessert and drink. A special children's menu of nuggets and fries will be available. Donations of \$10 per adult and \$5 per children ages 5-11 will be accepted. Tickets are available in the church office.

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 10th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 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 9th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the sale on December 10th. If you have any questions or would like to help contact 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.

THE MONDAY MUSIC CLUB is welcoming all singers to rehearsals for the Community Christmas Concert to be held Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. All practices and the concert will be held at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Blairsville. The schedule follows.

Rehearsal - Monday, November 14	7:00 p.m.
Rehearsal - Monday, November 21	7:00 p.m.
Rehearsal - Monday, December 5.....	7:00 p.m.
Rehearsal - Saturday, December 10.....	3:00 p.m.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, we collect items for the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick based on their specific needs at that time. This shelter serves all of Indiana County. Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting: paper towels, disinfectant spray and/or wipes and all-purpose cleaners. Items can be placed in the designated container at the back of the sanctuary.

*Christ
Is Coming!*

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ron Libengood
		<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>