

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

November 25, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, 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

Introit # 304 *“Shout for Joy, Loud and Long”*

***Shout for joy, loud and long, God be praised with a song!***

***To the Lord we belong – children of our Maker,***

***God the great life giver!***

***Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!***

***God is love, God is light, God is everlasting!***

Call to Worship (*Psalm 132*)

Leader: “Let us go to his dwelling-place;  
let us worship at his footstool.”

**People: Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your might.**

Leader: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your faithful shout for joy.

**People: For your servant David’s sake do not turn away  
the face of your anointed one.**

Leader: For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his habitation.

**People: I will abundantly bless its provisions;  
I will satisfy its poor with bread.  
Its priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and its faithful will shout for joy.**

\*Hymn # 84 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.  
You come to us in glory, yet we hide our faces from you. You  
speak to us in truth, yet we close our hearts to your word.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Release us from sin, restore our lives,  
and rule in our hearts, this day and always; 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

Gospel Lesson John 18:33-37 (pg. 113 of NT)

Anthem *“All Hail the Power”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Revelation 1:4b-8 (pg. 245 of NT)

Message 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.** *(The 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 # 342 *“Rejoice the Lord Is King”*

\*Benediction

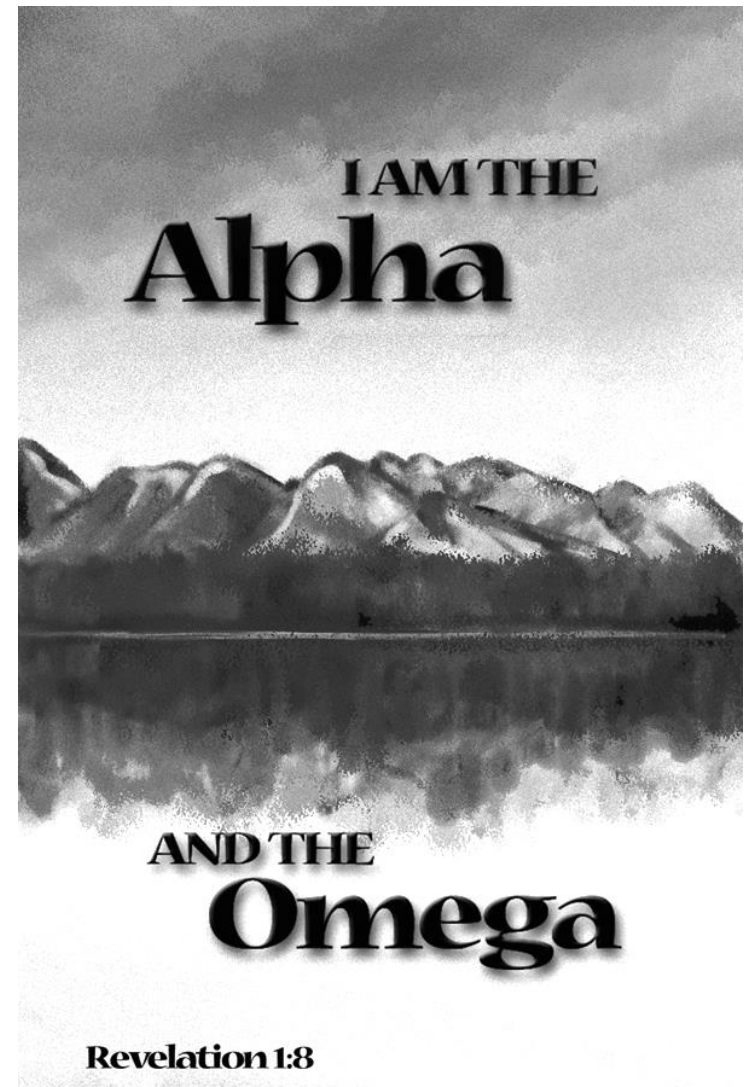
\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

**REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m. Sunday School                               |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal                            |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion                      |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 a.m. Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study                                |
|                  | 5:30 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                     |
|                  | 8:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 8:30 a.m. Cookie Baking in the Kitchen                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m. Sunday School                               |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal                            |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. Worship – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent |



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*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit  
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

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.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Rick & Willa Shoemaker, Dennis Gould; Projector, Blake Tonkin; 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 Annabel Machak.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe leads the study beginning in Acts and moving into Ephesians.

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will meet with staff Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in the parlor beginning at 5:30 p.m.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for two ringers. No experience is necessary just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in more information about the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley. You are also welcome to come to rehearsal.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Christmas Cantata rehearsal will be immediately following at 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir or the Christmas Cantata, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

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.

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS! Anyone who enjoys baking cookies is invited to grab your apron and gather in the church kitchen Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. We will be baking cookies and filling care packages for our college students. All the ingredients will be provided. We look forward to seeing you in the kitchen.

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 10:00 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the sale on December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Erica Ash, Joan Moran, Elaine Jellison 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

DURING the month of November the Deacons are collecting the following items for Pathway Shelter: pillows, washcloths, towels, and all types of cleaning supplies. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Pathway.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! The Blairsville Monday Music Club is sponsoring its annual Community Christmas Program, Monday, December 10, 2018 at SS Simon and Jude Church in Blairsville at 7:00 p.m. We are welcoming anyone that enjoys singing to participate in the Community Choir. We have two Christmas selections to perform.

WE ARE gathering the following items to fill 25 Christmas stockings for male patients at Torrance State Hospital this holiday season. Our deacons are asking for your participation in providing donations of the following:

- Greeting Cards (birthday, get well, thinking of you, or blank)
- Stationary, Word puzzles, Playing cards, Paperback books
- Card games (Uno, Skip-bo, and Phase 10 or children card games)
- Socks – white crew, Underwear (larger sizes – briefs)
- Soap-body wash, Shampoo
- Hair products for African Americans
- Deodorant (no spray cans), Lotion

There is a box at the back of the sanctuary to collect donations. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please see Susie Cotti.

FABULOUS FIRS annual event will be held Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Community Center. Trees and items can be viewed and voted on for first, second and third place. Items will be available for purchase.

WREATHS FOR INDIANA COUNTY VETERANS project will take place Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the county cemeteries. Wreaths will be placed commemorating and giving thanks for our deceased veterans. Many churches across the county will ring their bells for one minute as the wreaths are placed.

Please take note of the inserts in today's bulletin:

- Poinsettias are being offered through the Board of Deacons. Please have your order and payment in by Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- An Advent luncheon and activities are being planned for Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you plan to attend.
- Grannies have their items displayed in the parlor. Many handmade pieces are available for you to purchase for holiday gifts