



Welcome to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

Psalms 107:1

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 24, 2019 ~ 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

Organ and Piano Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 342

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Call to Worship (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

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: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land,
which his hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

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

*Hymn # 726

“We Praise You, O God”

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We have not lived with gratitude for the generous gift of your grace. We have

not shared with others as you have poured yourself out for us. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to return to you, giving thanks and praise for all you have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Reception of New Members

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

Cindy Borbonus

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 107:1-22 (pg. 559 of OT)

Anthem

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

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

Heather Clawson and Matthew Borbonus

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism Q. 86)

Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why must we do good works?

Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that he may be glorified through us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 723

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Remembering Members and Friends

Dennis Gould

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 # 22

"Let All Things Now Living"

*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.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Steve & Joan Moran and Bill & Holly Tonkin; Projector, John Clark Bruner; 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 our sisters by Pat and Janeen Swope.

TODAY, we will gather around tables in Fellowship Hall following worship for our annual Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner. We hope you will join us.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. Hebron Lutheran Church will be our host. This service of Thanksgiving is sponsored by the Ministerium.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Meeting packets are available in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will not be held this week. We will take a break for the Thanksgiving holiday and resume next Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please have any announcements for next Sunday's bulletin to the office by Monday. Thank you.

THE DEACONS will assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the community today. Each box contains everything a family needs to cook a Thanksgiving dinner. If you are aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving basket, please contact Pastor Monroe or Marilyn Neal.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE early worship has traditionally been a service for families with children. This year we would like to have our children of the church participate in the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. Participation can include: speaking, singing, playing a musical instrument – just to name a few. We plan to hold rehearsals during the Sunday School hour with possibly one rehearsal close to Christmas Eve. Please consider having your child be a part of this year's worship service. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

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.

THE 5th ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is underway. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coats" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need winter coats, please contact Janet Smith.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the sound and projector at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. If you are interested or available to help out, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

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 14th, 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 13th from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the sale on December 14th. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Joan Moran 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 at the Annual Holiday Cookie Sale for gift giving, holiday parties, etc. on Saturday, December 14th. 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.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! The Blairsville Monday Music Club is sponsoring its annual Community Christmas Program, Monday, December 9, 2019 at the C&MA 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 and the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Practices will be as follows:

Monday, November 25	7:00-8:30pm.....	C&MA Church
Monday, December 2.....	7:00-8:30pm.....	C&MA Church
Monday, December 9.....	7:00pm Concert	C&MA Church

A VARIETY of Advent Devotionals will be available to you on Sunday, December 1st. These guides are meant to help you as you move through the season to the coming of the Christ Child. You can pick one up at the back of the sanctuary next week.

OFFICER TRAINING is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th immediately following worship. Oncoming elders and deacons are asked to please bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for a time of conversation.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Year will soon be available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary soon. If you do not have church offering envelopes and would like a box set, please drop a note in the offering plate or contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA is entitled, "Everlasting Light—The Promise of Christmas" by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse and Larry Shackley. The cantata will be presented in worship Sunday, December 22nd at 11:00 a.m. A final rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome. If you would like more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion New Members Unite
	12:00 p.m.	Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boys Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
Friday		Office Closed
Sunday		<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship