



*Therefore keep  
watch, because you  
do not know the day  
or the hour.*

*Matthew 25:13*

**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 8, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude

“No Other Name”

By Robert Gay

Call to Worship (*Psalm 78*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**People: I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: Things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.

**People: We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done...**

Leader: That the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn, and rise up  
and tell them to their children,

**People: So that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments.**

\*Hymn # 9 “Come, Let Us Praise the Lord”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We waste our days with idle pursuits, instead of choosing to serve you. We spend our nights in foolishness, instead of**

**watching for your return. 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

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

New Testament Lesson

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Anthem

“Psalm 103”

By Clatterbeck

Chancel Choir, Director – Cindy Borbonus

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Apostles' Creed)*

**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.**

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

\*Hymn # 458

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Audio/Visual Equipment Techs, Jonathan & Doug Clayton and Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

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GRANNIES will meet Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for all skill levels.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety guidelines will be followed throughout the rehearsal.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the parlor from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This group gathers to work on knitting, crocheting or other needlework. Bring your personal projects and come for a time of fellowship.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR is planning to begin rehearsing special music for Christmas. Rehearsals will be held beginning the Wednesday following Thanksgiving, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. As with the Sunday anthems, the special music will be recorded and shared in worship Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the choir for the holiday season or if you have questions, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE MINISTERIUM has again decided to compile and publish a Community Lenten Devotional in 2021. There are several scriptures to choose from each day through Lent. Those who volunteer to submit a devotion will choose a day not taken, list the scripture lesson they have chosen, a devotional message of about 400 words, and a one or two sentence prayer. You can sign your name, or remain anonymous. All submissions will be gathered by Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and will be compiled into booklet form, duplicated, then distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season (which begins Ash Wednesday, February 17). Our congregation has been assigned 6 days. They are listed below:

**MARCH 1** - Taken

**MARCH 2** - Taken

**MARCH 3** - Taken

**MARCH 4** - Taken

**MARCH 5** - Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40

**MARCH 6** - Taken

If you feel led to share with your brothers and sisters in Blairsville, please let Pastor Monroe know of your willingness as soon as possible.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS for families in the community will be assembled by the deacons. 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. A container 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 you are aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact Marilyn Neal or Pastor Monroe by Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generous help. We look forward to sharing another happy holiday with those in our community!

THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is being held. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coat Drive" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

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.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

|                  |            |                                    |
|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 9:45 a.m.  | Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class   |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | In-House and Online Worship        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall   |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Ministerium Meeting                |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |            | Food Bank Distribution             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study                        |
|                  | 5:30 p.m.  | Daisy Troop Meeting                |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Chancel Choir Meets                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2:00 p.m.  | Stitching Group                    |
|                  | 4:30 p.m.  | Girl Scout Registration            |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Girl Scout Leader Meeting          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 10:00 a.m. | Presbytery Meeting                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m.  | Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class   |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | In-House and Online Worship        |

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# Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

Come, let us praise the Lord,  
With joy our God acclaim,  
His greatness tell abroad  
And bless His saving name.  
Lift high your songs  
Before His throne  
To whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth,  
Our King beyond compare,  
The deepest bounds of earth,  
The hills, are in His care.  
He all decrees, who by His hand  
Prepared the land and formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee,  
Our glorious God confess;  
The great Creator, He,  
The Lord of Righteousness.  
He reigns unseen: His flock He feeds  
And gently leads in pastures green.

Come, hear His voice today,  
Receive what love imparts;  
His holy will obey  
And harden not your hearts.  
His ways are best; and lead at last,  
All troubles past, to perfect rest.

John Darwall | Timothy Dudley-Smith

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# O Jesus, I Have Promised

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F F<sub>2</sub> F  $\frac{E}{C}$  C C7 Dm7  $\frac{C}{E}$  F Am7(b5)  
Eb

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -  
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -  
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that

D7 Em7(b5)  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{D7}{F\#}$  Gm G<sub>2</sub> G  $\frac{F}{G}$   $\frac{Em}{G}$  G7 C7sus C7 C+

main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I  
bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O  
where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,

F F<sub>2</sub> F  $\frac{E}{C}$  C C7 Dm7  $\frac{C}{E}$  F Am7(b5)  
Eb

shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor  
speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now  
Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O

D D7 Em7(b5)  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G<sub>2</sub> Gm  $\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{Bb}{C}$  C F

wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.