



was teaching in  
their synagogues,  
and everyone  
praised him.

—*Luke 4:15, NIV*—



**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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January 23, 2022 ~ 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

“Surely Goodness and Mercy”

By John Peterson

Introit #63

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

**Give to our God immortal praise;  
Mercy and truth are all His ways;  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
Repeat His mercies in your song.**

Isaac Watts | John C. Hatton

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 19*)

Bonni Dunlap, Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.

**People: More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
my rock and my redeemer.**

\*Hymn # 471

“As the Deer”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Anthem “Jesus Is All the World to Me” By Thompson

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Romans 12:3-13)*

**For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing**

**honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.**

\*Hymn # 580        “We Are Called to Be God’s People”  
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)  
Choral Amen

\*Hymn # 581        “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Bonni Dunlep; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Kim McKinney and Elaine Jellison; Audio/Visual, Kristi Eckenroad; Streaming, Olivia Eckenroad.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT is giving to the glory of God and in memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

LATER THIS YEAR, we will recognize our congregation’s 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Plans are beginning to be made for our celebration. If you are interested in being a part of the planning process, a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your ideas to the meeting. All are invited.

WE WILL GATHER for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our focus is on the gospel of John. As we gather, we will follow CDC guidelines. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR is currently in need of 3 or 4 new ringers so it can ring the 3-octave music. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. All are welcome.

THE 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held following worship. We hope you will plan to attend.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and treasurers are reminded that year-end reports are requested to be turned in by today. Please contact the church office with any questions.

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED the congregational questionnaire in the mail. The elders would like your input and ask that you take the time to honestly answer the questions. Then, return it to the church in the envelope provided by January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive a survey and would like to participate, please see Lon Ferguson or contact the church office.

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Please note any special dedication for the bulletin. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

SINCE 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food around the time of the Super Bowl Game. The money and food collected then is given, 100%, to a local charity. We will receive our Souper Bowl of Caring Offering Sunday, February 6th during morning worship. One hundred percent of these gifts will be sent to ICCAP in support of the Food Bank.

IF YOU NOTICE something around the church property that needs repaired, please refer the matter to the church office. The secretary will forward the concern to the chair of the Property Committee. Please be very specific as to what the problem is, so that the issue can be handled. Thank you.

## THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2022

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting

# As The Deer

As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you;  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

## Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.

I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy;  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King;  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything!

Martin Nystrom

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# We Are Called to Be God's People

We are called to be God's people,  
Showing by our lives His grace,  
One in heart and one in spirit,  
Sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us,  
And remade us as His own,  
Let us share our life together  
As we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants,  
Working in His world today;  
Taking His own task upon us,  
All His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to His summons,  
Dedicate to Him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants,  
Quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God's prophets,  
Speaking for the truth and right,  
Standing firm for godly justice,  
Bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed,  
Our high calling to fulfill,  
That the world may know the blessing  
Of the doing of God's will.

Franz Joseph Haydn | Thomas A. Jackson

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## Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber | John Zundel

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