



The Holy Spirit descended  
on him in bodily form,  
like a dove.

Luke 3:22

**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 9, 2022 – 11:00 PM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Welcome 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 “As with Gladness” By Kocher

Introit #148 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise: Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 29*) Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*Hymn # 50 “Great Is the Lord”

\*Prayer of Confession

**In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Anthem

“Come, Be Baptized”

By Schrader

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1)*

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong-body and soul, in life and in death-not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

\*Hymn # 73 “The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well”

## 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 come forward to receive the sacrament)*

*(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn # 719 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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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, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual, Brylea Borbonus; Streaming, Eli Borbonus.

THE ELDERS have been discussing our church, the needs of the congregation and the needs of our community. They have put together a questionnaire which you should have received in the mail. They 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. These findings will be used by the elders to help better meet our mission.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Year are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

END OF THE YEAR financial statements will be mailed early to mid-January. If you would like your statement earlier, contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

THE 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held following worship. Committee chairs and treasurers are reminded that year-end reports are requested to be turned in by Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need any information or have questions, please contact the church office.

IN THE NEW YEAR we will recognize our congregation's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans are beginning to be made for our celebration, to be held later in the year. 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 or share them with Pastor Monroe or one of the elders. All are invited.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

GRANNIES will gather in Fellowship Hall Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. There are projects for all skill levels. All are welcome.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute food items Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. from Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time will need to show proof of residence in the Blairsville Borough.

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, 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.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held next Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host the worship service. The Blairsville Area Ministerium arrange to have this service each year. All are invited.

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.

THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is some of the most important in the life of the church. Those serving have the responsibility to bring before the congregation the names of members who will potentially serve as elders and deacons.

Members of this committee should have:

- \* An understanding of the nature, ministry and mission of the church
- \* An awareness of the spiritual nature of the offices of elder and deacon
- \* A knowledge of the impending challenges before the church
- \* A familiarity with the members of the congregation and the potential gifts and abilities they bring to service
- \* A spirit of prayer as they approach this work

If you, or someone you know would do well at the discernment of nominations, and would like to be considered for service on this committee, please write the name and place it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office by January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will again assemble a community Lenten devotional. Our church was given five days, March 21—March 25. Below are the scriptures. If you feel led to share thoughts for the booklet, please contact Pastor Monroe.

March 21 & 25—reserved

March 22—Psalm 34; 146; 25; 91; Genesis 45:1-15;

I Corinthians 7:32-40; Mark 6:1-13

March 23—Psalm 5; 147:1-11; 27; 51; Genesis 45:16-28;

I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 6:13-29

March 24—Psalm 27; 147:12-20; 126; 102;

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34; I Corinthians 9:1-15; Mark 6:30-46

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
<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>	11:00 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Community Service of Christian Unity at St. Peter's Episcopal Church



# Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord He is holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love  
Great is the Lord He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord Now lift up your voice  
Now lift up your voice Great is the Lord

Great are You Lord and worthy of glory  
Great are You Lord and worthy of praise  
Great are You Lord I lift up my voice  
I lift up my voice Great are You Lord

Great are You Lord, Great are You Lord  
Great are You Lord, Great are You Lord

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# The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well

The Lord my Shepherd guards me well,  
and all my wants are fed:  
amid green pastures made to lie,  
beside still waters led.  
My careworn soul grows strong and whole  
when God's true path I tread.

Though I should walk in darkest ways  
through valleys like the grave,  
no evil shall I ever fear;  
your presence makes me brave.  
On my behalf your rod and staff  
assure me you will save.

For me a table has been spread  
where all my foes can see;  
you bathe my head with fragrant oil  
to soothe and honor me.  
My heart and cup are both filled up  
with joyful ecstasy.

Your steadfast love will follow me  
to shield me all my days  
and bring me to your holy house,  
redeemed from error's ways,  
my whole life long to join the song  
of those who sing God's praise.

## “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;  
Here you touched him, saw his glory  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;  
Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;  
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace:  
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior,  
Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.