



And a voice
came out of the cloud,
saying,
"This is my Son,
my Chosen One;
listen to him!"

Luke 9:35, ESV

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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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

“The Solid Rock”

By Bradberry

Introit #43

“Majesty”

Majesty, worship His majesty;

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty;

Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 99*)

Mel Woodring, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

All: Extol the Lord our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy.

*Hymn # 136

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you are a forgiving God, and we are a people in need of forgiveness, for we often fail to see your glory in our midst. We see the dreadful consequences of wrongdoing in this world, yet we often fail to renounce shameful things until we ourselves have done them. Yet, we would rather confess our sin than falsify your word, and since we cannot cunningly justify ourselves, we are bold to hope in your mercy, and we long to see you in your radiance. Forgive us, O God of glory. Grant us a clean conscience, the clear vision of faith, and the great gift of freedom in your Spirit; in Jesus’ name we pray.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

Anthem

“Upon a Holy Mount” By Allen & Schwoebel

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

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.

*Hymn # 123

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 106

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Mel Woodring; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Jim and Chris Antis; Audio/Visual/Streaming, Elizabeth, Abigail and John Bruner.

THIS YEAR’S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET was written by folks from the community. As a community project, the ministerium took the lectionary readings for each day of Lent and asked folks from the various churches to prepare a devotional message that relates to that portion of scripture. Each devotion is composed of an assigned scripture lesson, a devotional message of about 400 words, and a one or two sentence prayer. All submissions are being compiled into booklet form, duplicated, and distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season (which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2). What a wonderful way for the Christians of Blairsville to share Christ as one. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

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

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE STUDY will be held 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.

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. The service will be live streamed for those at home. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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 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 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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to usher. An usher's responsibility is to greet parishioners as they arrive and hand them a bulletin. Answer any questions from visitors. Count the number of people in attendance and light the candles. An usher chart is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for your choice of dates.

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT are available on the back table for those who were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting January 30th. Please help yourself to a copy.

UPDATE on Community Lenten Lunches - Each year the community gathers each Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. during Lent for a worship service followed by a luncheon. The ministerium has decided to cancel the Lenten Lunches for the 2022 season due to the ongoing safety concerns. However, Lenten reflections will be presented by local ministers and available online each Wednesday during Lent. Please use this link to access the youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nq0fsIDKtl4d1bpHN1pHg>

THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has begun planning our celebration. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in joining the planning process is welcome.

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 were determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings – Jean Heberling, chair

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

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

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget – Rick Shoemaker, chair

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

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

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping – Joan Moran, chair

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity – Gene Artman, chair

Overall, the findings from the 2022 Church Survey were very positive with 99% of the respondents satisfied with the church. The majority of the respondents (80%) believed the church was successful in its obligation to meet the needs of the church family as well as the needs of the community. On another positive note, the majority of the respondents (80%) enjoyed the music ministry at the church. With regard to interest in new programs and activities, the respondents were very interested in the activities related to the 200th Anniversary Celebration, Church Socials/Dinners, Youth Group and Vacation Bible Study. Based on the age distribution of the congregation it was not surprising that 83% did not have youth attending the church and therefore offered few suggestions for how to get the youth more involved. With regard to worship time preference, 53% prefer 11:00 and 33% prefer 10:00. There were several comments encouraging the continued practice of 11:00 during most of the year and changing to 10:00 for the summer months. Additional information will be shared in the March Newsletter.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship and Communion
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!