



**So do not be ashamed**  
of the testimony  
about our Lord ....

**Rather, join with me**  
in suffering  
for the gospel,  
by the power of God.

2 Timothy 1:8, 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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October 2, 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 "There's Something About That Name" By Gaither

Introit "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" # 71

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration!**

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Call to Worship (*Lamentations 3*) Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

**People: My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.**

Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

Leader: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

**People: The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.**

**It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.**

\*Hymn # 72                      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, we confess that the seed of faith within us is small. Hope is often absent. Love is frequently inconvenient. Our sin keeps us from responding to you. Tend to us in mercy, so that we may grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love, after the example of Jesus Christ.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:5-10

Anthem

“Seed of Faith”

Arr. Balay

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

II Timothy 1:1-14

Message

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 # 420

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

## 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 # 405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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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.

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Gorslene; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad; and Ushers, Mel Woodring and Alan Lowman.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Along with our regular business, discussion will be held concerning holiday plans.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM. We continue through the gospel of John followed by a study in Revelation. We hope you will join us.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will return. This year our meal will be served Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation by October 31<sup>st</sup> and let us know what dish you might bring to share or how you might help with the dinner. Also, we are in need of turkey bakers. If you would be willing to roast a turkey for the dinner, please see Tammy or Brent Ritchie. The birds will be provided, we just need cooks.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. Anyone interested in joining with the Bell Choir is welcome. Training will be offered to those who are new to ringing. Please see Vicky Westley for more information.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you enjoy making a joyful noise, we would love for you to join us. Please see Cindy Borbonus if you have any questions or would like more information.

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 Linda George or the church office.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2023 church budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin planning for next year and consider your financial needs. If you have any questions or would like additional information that would help your planning process, please contact the church.

THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is being held. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats for kids in need. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coat Drive" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

SAMARITANS PURSE Operation Christmas Child is a program that provides boxes of goodies to children at Christmas. For those wishing to participate, we will collect filled boxes at the church by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Information on how to pack a box and what type of items to include for a girl or a boy of a certain age group are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Labels are also available to place on your box.

A CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held this fall. Meeting dates, times and additional information will be available soon. Parents, if you are interested in your child taking part or if you would like additional information, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Monroe.

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has custom keepsake ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. Please see Linda George.

USHERS are being scheduled for the remaining Sundays of this year. If you are willing to greet those coming in for worship and distribute bulletins, please consider signing up for a Sunday. A schedule of dates is available at the back of the sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained and then will be scheduled on a rotating basis to operate the equipment. Please see Jean Heberling, Doug Clayton or contact the church office if you are interested.

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion <i>Peace &amp; Global Witness Offering</i>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	The Board of Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study meets 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
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship