



**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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September 11, 2022 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude "Battle Hymn of the Republic" By J. Ward Howe

Introit "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 461

**Breathe on me breath of God, Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what e'er you love, And do what you would do.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 14*) Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.

**People: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind  
to see if there are any who are wise,  
who seek after God.**

Leader: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and do not call upon the Lord?

**People: There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.**

Leader: You would confound the plans of the poor,  
but the Lord is their refuge.

**People: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

\*Hymn # 82           “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

\*Prayer of Confession

**O God our refuge, we confess that we have all gone astray. There is no one who does good, for we have all become skilled in the ways of the world, and schooled in its foolish wisdom. We have failed to learn and to practice what it means to do good, in accordance with your will and your gospel. Forgive us, O Lord. Seek us out and bring us safely home to you, that the joyful songs of heaven’s angels may resound in your holy presence, for we repent!**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

New Testament Lesson

I Timothy 1:12-17

Anthem

“In Memoriam”

By Lee Dengler & Susan Naus Dengler

*Written as a remembrance to the victims of the events of 9/11*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

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 # 440           “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)  
Choral Amen  
\*Hymn # 422                           “Amazing Grace”  
\*Benediction  
\*Choral Response  
\*Postlude

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

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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, a *Welcome Packet* 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, Bobbi Monroe; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual, Brylea and Eli Borbonus; Ushers, Barri Stuchal and Alan Lowman.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for everyone. All are invited.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. Our study will finish the gospel of John and then move on to the book of Revelation. We hope you will join us.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining with the Bell Choir is welcome. 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, you're welcome to join the choir. 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 ICCAP FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of address within the Blairsville borough.

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 office.

SAMARITANS PURSE Operation Christmas Child is a program that provides boxes of goodies to children at Christmas. Those who wish to participate fill a shoebox with age-appropriate items and can also choose to prepare the box for a girl or a boy. For those wishing to participate, we will collect filled boxes at the church. They should be brought in 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.

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has ordered custom keepsake ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge. These are available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. Please see Linda George for an ornament or for more information. The ornaments will be available at the catered dinner and at the church luncheon.

*We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion  
next Sunday during worship.  
Please take time this week to prepare  
to receive and share the sacrament.*



**200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

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**ANNIVERSARY CATERED DINNER & HISTORY PRESENTATION  
Saturday, September 17 ~ 5:00 PM & 6:15 PM**

A catered dinner will be served for a nominal fee followed by a presentation on our first 200 years in ministry. Dinner by reservation only.

**BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP & LUNCHEON  
Sunday, September 18 ~ 11:00 AM**

A special bicentennial worship service will be held including bagpipes, special music and the Blairsville Brass Ensemble. Following the service, a soup, sandwich and salad luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall.

**200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT  
Wednesday, September 21 ~ 7:00 PM**

A variety of musicians who have shared their talents with us in worship have been invited to be with us again at our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert. All those participating will come together to form a choir to present a couple numbers. It will be a wonderful evening of praise to our God for all he's done through the years and for what he has yet to do!

I PETER 2:5 calls us to be “like living stones, built into a spiritual house....” That image of the church has been a watchword as we have moved closer to our 200th anniversary, and beyond. Next Sunday, September 18th, we are asking each of you to bring a stone from your home to church. The stone should be about three inches in diameter. Once we have collected the stones, Jim Antis will use his creative gifts in making an “objet d’art” (French for art object) to be placed in the prayer garden. This is symbolic of our spiritual identity as a community of living stones. Texture, shape and color don’t matter, but we do ask that the size be about three inches or less across. You can bring one from each person in your household or one to represent the whole family.

A LUNCHEON will be served Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> following the Bicentennial Worship Service. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a dessert to share. If you would like more information, please contact Joan Moran or the church office.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and the pastoral Terms of Call for 2023.

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.

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.

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.

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	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>	11:00 a.m.	Food Bank distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study meets in Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop 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>Friday</b>		Setup for the Anniversary Dinner
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Anniversary Catered Dinner served in Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	History Presentation in the sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Bicentennial Anniversary Worship & Communion Service
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon served in Fellowship Hall