



Luke 18:1

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 16, 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

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

By Bennett/Berry

Introit

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 119*)

Terry Brown, Liturgist

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

**People: Your commandment makes me wiser
than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

People: I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

**People: I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.**

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**People: Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

*Hymn # 471

“As the Deer”

*Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, you have promised to write your law within our hearts. We confess that we have not held fast to your sacred word, but we have accommodated your teaching to suit ourselves. We have shied away from your truth when it seemed to demand too much of us. Forgive us, O God, and hold us back from every evil way, that we may learn to keep your word. Renew us in your covenant, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Anthem

“In the Presence of Jehovah”

Arr. Davis

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

Message

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Larger Catechism, Q. 184-185)

For what things are we to pray?

We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good; but not for anything that is unlawful.

How are we to pray?

We are to pray with an awe-filled sense of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon him with humble submission to his will.

*Hymn # 478

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 473

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

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, Terry Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad.

THE FLOWER ARRENGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cherry Klingensmith by Cindy Borbonus and family.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE will meet Monday, October 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor.

THE ELDERS will gather for a session meeting Tuesday, October 18th in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

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.

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 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 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.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will return. This year our meal will be served Sunday, November 20th immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation by October 31st 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 8TH 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.

CUSTOM KEEPSAKE ORNAMENTS of the church from Wendall August Forge are available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. Please see Linda George.

JILL WILL be out of the office this week. Volunteers will be in to take phone calls and greet visitors.

A CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held this fall. Meeting dates and times have been set. We will gather in Fellowship Hall and share a meal followed by a lesson and activity. Please see the schedule below. 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.

First Gathering.....	October 23 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Second Gathering.....	October 30 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Third Gathering.....	November 6 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Fourth Gathering	November 13 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Fifth Gathering.....	November 27 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Sixth Gathering.....	December 4 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Seventh Gathering.....	December 11 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Unite with the Congregation.....	December 18 – 11:00 a.m.

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.

THE DEACONS are planning a CPR training class. They would like to know how many would be interested in attending before final plans are set. If you are interested in being a part of a CPR training, please contact Judy Trimble or the church office. Once we get an idea of class size, dates and times will be announced.

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 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Blairsville (now the Women of Faith) are hosting a Harvest Festival on October 19th. The Salad Bar is from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a donation of \$10. There will also be a bake sale and a flea market. Tickets are available at the church office, from a member of the Women of Faith, and at the door. Hope to see you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 6th. Remember to change your clocks.

A VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT will be presented by the Blairsville Community Concert Band on Wednesday, November 9th at the River Valley Senior High School auditorium. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	2:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class meets in Fellowship Hall