

*“For all those who  
exalt themselves  
will be humbled,  
and those who  
humble themselves  
will be exalted.”*



LUKE 18:14, 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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

October 23, 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

Organ and Piano Duet

Introit

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

# 457

**Lord, I want to be a Christian**

**In my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

William Farley Smith

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 65*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

**People: O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.**

Leader: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

**People: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness  
of your house, your holy temple.**

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

**People: O God of our salvation,**

**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**

\*Hymn # 71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

New Testament Lesson

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Anthem

"Jesus Is the Living Stone"

By Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

Message

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Westminster Confession of Faith)*

**Although hypocrites, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions: of being in the favor of God and estate of salvation; which hope of theirs shall perish: yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in a state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God: which hope shall never make them ashamed.**

\*Hymn # 354

"Just As I Am"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("*...debts...and debtors...*")

Choral Amen

\*Hymn # 479

“Near the Cross”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Todd by Joe and Elaine Jellison.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet in Fellowship Hall and share a light meal followed by a lesson and activity. Please see the schedule of dates and times below.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| First Gathering.....             | Today – 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.     |

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

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 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the parlor.

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 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 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 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.

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.

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 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 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.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

|                  |            |                                      |
|------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 11:00 a.m. | Worship                              |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall     |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | WIC meets in Fellowship Hall         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study meets in Fellowship Hall |
|                  | 12:00 p.m. | Personnel Committee Meeting          |
|                  | 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>Sunday</b>    | 11:00 a.m. | Worship                              |
|                  | 5:00 p.m.  | Confirmation Class                   |