



*"Zacchaeus, hurry and
come down, for I must
stay at your house today."*

LUKE 19:5

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 30, 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

Organ and Piano Duet

Introit

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

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Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

John Wilbur Chapman | Matthew S. Smith | Rowland Hugh Prichard

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 119*)

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: You are righteous, O Lord,
and your judgements are right.

**People: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.**

Leader: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

**People: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.**

Leader: Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.

**People: Your decrees are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.**

*Hymn # 31 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we cannot see your image in each and every one of our neighbors. We call each other "sinner"; you call us by our names. We misjudge one another, we underestimate ourselves. Pardon us, Holy One, by your grace. Reveal to us your vision for the world that we may see all people through eyes of care and hearts of compassion.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Anthem

"Step By Step"

Arr. Greer

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

Message

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn # 68

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 408

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

*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, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

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.

Second Gathering..... Today – 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.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

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 HANDBELL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday at 5:45 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 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 20th immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. **Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation by tomorrow, 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.

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 or contact the church office.

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.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday, November 6th. Mark your calendar and remember to change your clocks.

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.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 8th. Voting will be held in Fellowship Hall all day. The Food Bank will also be distributing groceries from the kitchen end of Fellowship Hall that day from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please be aware that traffic will be busy around the church.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are still dates available. Our deacons thank you.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND will perform their Annual Veteran's Day Concert Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the River Valley Senior High School auditorium. All are welcome.

A BIT OF OUR HISTORY, the anniversary of the merger between Calvin Church and First Church in Blairsville was Wednesday, October 26th. The United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville was born out of the merger in 1969. Rev. Walter Wenhold at the First Church and Rev. Edward J. Thompson at the Calvin Church served for a period of time until resignation. Pulpit supplies were provided by the Presbytery until installation of Rev. Roger Petersen in 1974.

THOSE ABLE TO WALK are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study meets in Fellowship Hall
	5:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Society Dinner in Fellowship Hall
	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

Daylight Saving Time Ends