



ISAIAH 65:22

For like the
DAYS
of a
TREE
shall the
DAYS
of my
PEOPLE
be.

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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November 13, 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

“Panis Angelicus”

By Franck

Organ and Piano Duet

Introit

“Sing Praise to the Father”

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**Sing praise to the Father, Creator and King,
whose mercy has taught us a new song to sing;
who made us, and loved us tho' rebels and lost,
and planned our redemption at infinite cost.**

**Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul,
for the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole;**

**O come and adore him, his glories proclaim,
and worship before him--the Lord is his name!**

Words: Margaret Clarkson, Music: William H. Doane “To God Be the Glory”

Call to Worship (*Psalm 98*)

Mel Woodring, Liturgist

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

People: His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

Leader: The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**People: He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

*Hymn # 113

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

*Prayer of Confession

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences. Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

Anthem

“Blessings”

By Story

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:5-19

Message

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the

house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn # 411

“How Firm a Foundation”

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

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 428

“When Peace Like a River”

*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, Mel Woodring; 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 memory of our parents by Gary and Barri Stuchal.

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.

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.

Fourth Gathering Today – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Fifth Gathering..... November 20 – 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 sewing group will meet Monday in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

A PRESBYTERY MEETING will be held Tuesday, November 15th. Terry Brown will attend as our commissioner with Pastor Tim.

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 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 would like more information.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC for the season will be rehearsed immediately following chancel choir from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. Those who would like to participate with the holiday music are welcome. Please see Cindy for details.

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.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will return this year. Our meal will be served next Sunday, November 20th immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please see Brent or Tammy Ritchie for more information.

TURKEY BAKERS are asked to pickup your turkey on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. Those who volunteered to help setup or peel potatoes are also asked to be at the church at 10:00 a.m.

ELDERS are reminded that the Session Meeting this month is Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. due to the Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday the 15th. Please make note of the change.

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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained. Please see Jean Heberling or Doug Clayton if 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.

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 dates available. Our deacons thank you.

A VARIETY of Advent Devotionals will be available to you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th. These guides are meant to help you as you move through the season to the coming of the Christ Child.

OUR ANNUAL COOKIE WALK will return this year. Families in the congregation are asked to donate at least 4 dozen cookies, candies, or holiday treats (please no cupcakes, cakes, or pies) for our Holiday Cookie Sale to be held Saturday, December 3rd, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your fellow bakers, family, friends, groups or organizations to participate. All baked goods may be dropped off in a disposable container on Friday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Also, volunteers are needed to help with the Cookie Walk on December 3rd. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Joan Moran, Erica Ash or the church office. A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the sanctuary. Please let us know what kind of cookie you will be donating so we don't have too many duplicates!



DURING THE HOLIDAYS, who has time to bake dozens of different cookies? No need, just make your best cookies and shop for the rest! The congregation and community are invited to purchase delicious holiday treats at the Annual Holiday Cookie Walk for gift giving, holiday parties, etc. on Saturday, December 3rd from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Cookies are \$8.00/pound and all proceeds will benefit “Share the Joy.”

OUR DEACONS will be assembling Christmas Boxes for families in need in our community. Each box will include menu items to prepare a Christmas dinner. Hams and potatoes will be provided by the deacons. Donations are being received and include: canned vegetables (no corn or green beans), canned fruit, Jello, boxed dessert mixes and canned sweet potatoes. If you are donating from your cupboard, please check expiration dates. A container will be available at the back of the sanctuary to collect donations.

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.

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 ALICE PAUL HOUSE will sponsor a Creating Healthy Futures Fair Wednesday, November 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Marion Center Presbyterian Church, 206 High Street, Marion Center. Free COVID-19 vaccines, flu vaccines, shingles vaccines, blood pressure readings, dental exams and much more.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	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
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study meets
	5:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Christmas Music Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner