

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 6, 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

“Like a River Glorious”

435

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,

Over all victorious in its bright increase:

Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,

Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,

Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 98*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things.

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

People: He has remembered his steadfast love

and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory

of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence

of the Lord for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

*Hymn # 142 "Sing Praise to the Father"

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to you and to one another after the example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your directions. We pursue our own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. Wash us anew. Forgive us again. Give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow where Christ leads.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Job 19:23-27

Anthem

"Stand Up!"

Arr. Raney

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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 # 447

"Because He Lives"

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

Choral Amen

*Hymn Insert "Standing on the Promises"

*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, Mary Gorslene; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mel Woodring and Alan Lowman.

THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Lucy Angelina Emerson, daughter of Craig Emerson and Emily McChesney, is baptized into Christ and the family of faith.

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

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.

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.

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.

Third Gathering.....	Today – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Fourth Gathering	November 13 – 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.

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.

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. All are welcome.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2023 church budget. Committees are asked to have any budget changes for next year to the church office by Friday, November 11th. 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 see Brent or Tammy Ritchie for more information.

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.

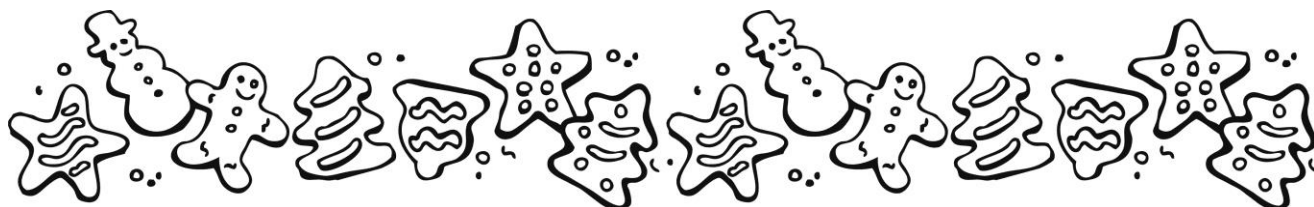
VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained and then will be scheduled on a rotating basis to operate the equipment. Please see Jean Heberling, Doug Clayton or contact the church office if you are interested.

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 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.

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.

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 sale 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.”

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.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE:

Friends of our church who are unable to be with us this morning

Our pastor and church leaders

Our Rwanda Partner – the Gitarama Presbyterian Church

Compassion child: Samuel Mutabazi

Our country and government leaders

Students of the Week:

Corbin Baltazar and Emry Borbonus

November Leaders:

Elders: Gene Artman and Rick Shoemaker

Deacons: Elizabeth Bruner and Vicky Doty

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m. Worship
	5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
	<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>
Monday	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	all day Election Day-Voting in Fellowship Hall
	10:30–12:00 p.m. Food Bank Distribution
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Study meets
	5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 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
	6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Saturday	12:00-6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	11:00 a.m. Worship
	5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class