



“Here is the
Lamb of God who
takes away the
sin of the world!”

John 1:29, NRSV

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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January 15, 2023 ~ 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

“Tears Will Not Stain”

By Dottie Rambo

Introit

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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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.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 40*)

Mel Woodring, Liturgist

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the desolate pit,

out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,

making my steps secure.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

People: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

who do not turn to the proud,

to those who go astray after false gods.

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance

in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

People: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness

keep me safe forever.

*Hymn # 426

“Blessed Assurance”

*Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We labor for worldly things and lack in spiritual gifts. We sacrifice much for false idols and forsake your holy Lamb. Forgive us; give us grace. Take away the sin of the world and teach us, as disciples, to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Anthem

“Lamb of God”

By Twila Paris

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 1:29-42

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Westminster Confession of Faith)

Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith cometh by hearing the Word of God, Christ hath commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

*Hymn # 281

“Lamb of God”

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

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 486 "Have Thine Own Way, 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 copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* 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 loving memory of Maurice Borbonus given by Cindy and family.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM. Our study is in the book of Revelation. We hope you will join us.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The choir is currently in need of additional ringers. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

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 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 29th. The meeting will be held following worship. More details will be shared closer to the date. Committee chairs and treasurers are reminded that year-end reports are requested to be turned in by Sunday, January 22nd. Committee reports consist of a summary of the year's activities, committee members and comments you would like to share. If you need any information or have questions, please contact the church office.

THE DEACONS have scheduled CPR training for Thursday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held next Sunday, January 22nd at 3:00 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host the worship service. The Blairsville Area Ministerium arrange to have this service each year. All are invited.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Year are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Please note any special dedication for the bulletin. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

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:

Katie Eckenroad and Alex Kirkland

January Leaders:

Elders: Joan Moran and Jeff Lewis

Deacons: Janet Smith and Bobbi Monroe

Presbytery Prayers

Pisgah Church – Rwanda Partner, Kirwa B

New Rehoboth-Greenville Church – Pastor Raafat Girgis

Rwanda Partner, Ngiryi

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptism
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet in Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	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
	3:00 p.m.	Community Service of Christian Unity at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2023

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity



THE MINISTERIUM will sponsor another Community Lenten Devotional in 2023. Volunteers are needed to write devotional thoughts for the days below. Those who volunteer to submit a devotion will list the chosen scripture lesson, a devotional message of about 400 words, and a one or two sentence prayer. You can sign your name, or remain anonymous. All submissions will be gathered and will be compiled into booklet form, duplicated, then distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season (*which begins Ash Wednesday, February 22*). Our congregation has been assigned 6 days. If you feel led to share with your brothers and sisters in Blairsville, please let Pastor Monroe know of your willingness as soon as possible. Please read through the scriptures and choose one for your focus:

MARCH 20

Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20

MARCH 21

Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14

MARCH 22 - reserved

MARCH 23

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11

MARCH 24

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19

MARCH 25 - reserved