



JESUS SAID,

“COME, FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL SEND
YOU OUT TO FISH
FOR PEOPLE.”

MATTHEW 4:19, 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

January 22, 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

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Arr. Bennett/Berry

Introit

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 27*)

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

People: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will set me high on a rock.

People: Now my head is lifted up

above my enemies all around me,

**and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

People: **“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

*Hymn # 59 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. You call us to follow Jesus, but we are afraid to walk in faith. You call us to be one in Christ, but we continue to quarrel and fight. Forgive us; give us grace. As you have sent a Savior to us, send us out as witnesses: to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

Anthem

“The Light of Glory”

By Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Westminster Confession of Faith)

They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ’s death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and

they more and more quickened and strengthened, in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

*Hymn # 350

“The Summons”

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

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 580

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

*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, Dennis Gould; 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 loved ones by the Moran family.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held today at 3:00 p.m. The service will include music, scripture and prayer. St. Peter’s Episcopal Church will host the worship service. All are invited.

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. 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.

CPR TRAINING will be held Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janet Smith or the church office.

THE 2022 YEAR in review Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023. A soup luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall after worship followed by the meeting. We hope you will plan to attend. The luncheon menu is soup, salads and desserts. If you would be willing to provide a pot of soup, a salad, a dessert or are willing to help in the kitchen or cleanup, please contact Joan Moran or the church office. Many hands make light work! Thank you.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to submit an end of the year reports for the Congregational Meeting. Reports are due to the church office by today. Please call the office if you need information.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their Annual Soup and Chili Cook Off, Sunday, February 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per person. They will have 12 different soups and chili's to enjoy, plus bread and delicious desserts. This is a Boy Scout fundraiser to help cover expenses incurred in camping and other activities throughout the year. Thanks for your support.

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.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES for 2023 are looking for interested members to be active participants. Chairs for the committees are listed. Please review the committees and responsibilities of the committees and contact the chair if you are interested in serving.

Worship – *co-chairs, Jean Heberling and Doug Clayton*—Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – *chair, Gene Artman*—Benevolences, special offerings, global & local mission and missionaries

Christian Education – *co-chairs, Jim Antis and Gene Artman*—Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – *chair, Rick Shoemaker*—Finances, special funds, and annual budget

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

Property & Maintenance – *chair, Pat Swope*—Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – *chair, Joan Moran*—Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – *chair, Kim McKinney*—New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Community Service of Christian Unity
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	CPR Training in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon & Congregational Meeting

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 - reserved

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