

**“This is my Son,
the Beloved, with whom
I am well pleased.”**



Matthew 3:17, 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 8, 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

“Masters in This Hall”

Arr. Innes

Introit

“To God Be the Glory”

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**To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 29*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*Hymn # 50

“Great Is the Lord”

*Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and power: Even as your voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forest bare, so it shakes us, and strips us of pretensions and illusions. In your presence we know without doubt how we have wandered from your way, dishonored your name, and failed to fulfill our calling. Have mercy on us, Lord. Your word brings order to chaos, life to death. Speak to us again your promise of newness. Call to us again in righteousness. Take us by the hand and keep us, so we may live to please and praise you.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Anthem

“Come Be Baptized”

By Smith

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

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 # 241 “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 719 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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, Mary Gorslone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

WE REJOICE this morning as Brylea Borbonus is ordained and installed to the Diaconal Class of 2024 and as Susie Cotti, Mary Gorslene, Pam Irwin and Vicky Westley are installed to the Diaconal Class of 2025. We thank Elizabeth Bruner, Vicky Doty and Jamie McKinney for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Gene Artman, Doug Clayton, Bruce Highberger and Kim McKinney are installed to the Sessional Class of 2025. We thank Lisa Hainaut and Rick Shoemaker for their leadership.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for everyone. All are invited.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon and Jude Church.

FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville borough.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM. We will begin a study in 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.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion Ordination & Installation of Church Officers
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	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study begins
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship

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