

The one who  
enters by the  
gate is the  
**shepherd** of  
the **sheep**.

JOHN 10:2



**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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April 30, 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

“The New Twenty-Third”

Arr. Hustad

Piano, Cindy Borbonus – Organ, Pam Irwin

Introit

“When Peace Like a River”

# 428

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 23*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

**He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

**People: I fear no evil; for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff – they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life, and I shall dwell**

**in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

\*Hymn # 73 "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You lead us toward green pastures but we wander in dark valleys. You call us by name but we pretend not to hear. Forgive us; give us new life! Return us to your flock and fold that we may have abundant life, the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

New Testament Lesson

I Peter 2:19-25

Anthem

"My Loving Shepherd"

Arr. Michael Ware

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- \*Hymn # 505            “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”
- Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
- Choral Amen
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Offertory
- \*Doxology
- \*Prayer of Dedication
- \*Hymn # 440            “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Response
- \*Postlude

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

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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, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of mother, Clara Savage by the Graham family.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the board’s last meeting until fall.

BIBLE STUDY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday beginning at 10:00 a.m. The study is on the book of Revelation. All are welcome.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

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. If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will take a break for the summer months. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians and have Special Music during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent for our worship service, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

THE SESSION has approved the establishment of an Organ Fund to receive donations for future repairs or replacement of our pipe organ. Gifts should be made payable to the church and clearly marked in the memo line for Organ Fund.

SEATS ARE FILLED for the bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in December. A waiting list will be established in case of cancellations. Please contact Charlotte or Linda between 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. if you are interested in being placed on this list.

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Saturday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship