

JESUS

Therefore God ... bestowed on him

THE NAME

that is above every name.

Philippians 2:9, ESV

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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October 1, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.

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

“Jesus, He Is the Son of God”

Arr. Elmo Mercer

Introit

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

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Give to our God immortal praise;

Mercy and truth are all his ways;

Wonders of grace to God belong;

Repeat his mercies in your song.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 78*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Leader: Things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

People: We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

*Hymn # 82 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Prayer of Confession

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We promise to serve you, then we fail to do your will. We pretend to follow you, then we go our own way. Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

Anthem

"They're Our Little Ones"

Arr. Bolks

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

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.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 486 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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 hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 480 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*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, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Kaylynn Marie Borbonus, daughter of Mark and Lynnette Borbonus, 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 honor of Kaylynn's baptism by Mark and Lynnette Borbonus.

A DEACON MEETING will be held Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Along with our regular business, discussion will be held concerning holiday plans.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SESSION will be held Wednesday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. We are in need of ringers to complete our choir. If you have ever thought of giving handbells a try, please contact Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We would love to have new voices join us in song! If you are interested in singing with the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA rehearsals will begin this Wednesday, October 4th from 8:00-8:30 p.m. Christmas is a beautiful time of year and music is part of that beauty. If you would like to participate with the special music for the holidays, all are invited to attend rehearsals. The Christmas Cantata will be presented during worship Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. Please see Cindy Borbonus for additional information.

OUR FIRST SATURDAY PROGRAM planning continues this Thursday evening, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the Homebuilder's Classroom, beside the Resource Room to begin reviewing curriculum options. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the church office.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. You are invited to bring a project you're working on and join the group.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE has planned a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon for Sunday, October 15th following worship. We will gather around tables in Fellowship Hall for a time of refreshment and fellowship. Lunch will be provided by the committee. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert to share. Contact Joan Moran or Linda George for more information.

"MEN WITH MIXERS AUCTION" will also be part of the day October 15th with proceeds supporting our Coats-for-Kids outreach. Men of the church who would like to participate are asked to use the sign-up sheets located at the back of the sanctuary. Bake your favorite dessert and bring it with you to be auctioned off to the highest bidder following the soup luncheon.

THE 9TH ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE has begun. 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.

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 for an ornament or for more information.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2024 church budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin planning for next year and consider your financial needs. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the church office.

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. All requests are kept confidential unless permission to share is given.

THE ANGELS' WINGS PROGRAM provides gifts at Christmas time to individuals and families who reside in Indiana County and who financially qualify, in addition to providing gifts to veterans as a thank you for their service to our country. If you are interested in ways you can help, look online at <https://www.angelswingsprogram.com>.

HOPEWELL CHURCH will host a Fall Fest Celebration today from 12:00-5:00 p.m. The day will include an inflatable obstacle course, rock wall, mechanical bull, tattoo artist, Steel City Mini Golf, balloon artist, hayrides, music, sand art/spin art, bounce house, pie auction and Patterson's Country Cookin food truck.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion & Baptism
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Special Session Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	First Saturday/Christian Ed Meeting in Christian Ed Wing
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship