

WHATEVER IS *true,*
WHATEVER IS *honorable,*
WHATEVER IS *just,*
WHATEVER IS *pure...*
IF THERE IS ANYTHING
worthy of praise,
THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

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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 15, 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

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Arr. Berry-Bennett

Introit

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,

join me in glad adoration!

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 106*)

Mel Woodring, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?

**People: Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.**

Leader: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor
to your people; help me when you deliver them;

**People: That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.**

*Hymn # 56 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You are the one who has saved us; but we make false gods for ourselves. You are the one who has called us; but we make excuses and fail to answer. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 32:1-14

Anthem

“Here I Am, Lord”

Arr. McDonald

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Larger Catechism, Q. 104)

What are the duties required in the First Commandment?

The duties required in the First Commandment are: the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly; by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended; and walking humbly with him.

*Hymn # 113

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*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; Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Pat Swope.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of family and friends gone to soon by the Wolford family.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will serve a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon today following worship. We will gather around tables in Fellowship Hall for a time of refreshment and fellowship. Lunch will be provided by the committee. Then the fun begins with the "MEN WITH MIXERS AUCTION." Men of the church bake their favorite dessert to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the auction will support our Coats-for-Kids outreach. Thank you to all those who participate.

FIRST SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS are reminded that a meeting will be held Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Homebuilder's classroom. We would like to check out the resource room for curriculum and supplies.

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Elders are reminded to pickup your packet for the meeting available in the parlor.

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 be held Wednesdays 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, we invite you to attend rehearsal. The Christmas Cantata will be presented during worship Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. Please see Cindy Borbonus for additional information.

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 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.

OUR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS this week will be Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

WE HAVE BEEN receiving manufacturers' coupons for veterans for several years. During that time, we have donated a total value of \$567,694.20. As of the end of December, Erica and Ellen would like to retire from handling this program. If anyone is interested in taking it over, they are willing to teach the process. We are grateful to them both for their service.

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 WOMEN OF FAITH of the Blairsville First Methodist Church are having a Harvest Festival on Wednesday, October 18th. The Salad Bar is from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a donation of \$10.00. There will also be a bake sale and a flea market. Tickets will be available at the door, the church office, or from a member of the Women of Faith. Hope to see you there!

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>.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5th. Remember to “Fall Back” when changing your clocks and enjoy an extra hour of rest!

SESSION took action to approve Marilyn Neal as our Organist Emeritus. We thank Marilyn for sharing many years of musical ministry with us.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
		Men with Mixers Auction
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	First Saturday Planning Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship