



*“You shall love
your neighbor
as yourself.”*

Matthew 22:39, NRSU

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 29, 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

“The Solid Rock”

Berry-Bennett

Introit

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 90*)

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 589 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*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; Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Kim McKinney.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of my father, Alvin Kitzmiller by Mary Anzelone.

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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for today following worship to act on the retirement request of Pastor Monroe effective December 31, 2023. We will also take action on the exit package approved and recommended by the session.

A FAREWELL RECEPTION for Pat and Janeen Swope will be held in Fellowship Hall following the meeting today. Pat and Janeen have been faithful members for close to 30 years and will be moving out of the area soon. We hope you will join us for light refreshments and fellowship.

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 THANKSGIVING DINNER PLANNING TEAM is in need of volunteers to help coordinate the dinner. Doug Clayton has volunteered to spearhead the team but needs help to make the dinner a success. If you are willing to help Doug, please let him know.

A TIME OF RECOGNITION for the retirement of Pastor Monroe will be held during the Thanksgiving Dinner. He and Bobbi have served faithfully alongside of us since 2005. We hope you will plan to attend.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be served Sunday, November 19th immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation by November 5th and let us know what dish you might bring to share or how you might help with the dinner. If you would be willing to roast a turkey for the dinner, please see Doug Clayton. The turkeys will be provided, we just need cooks.

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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND will present their free Veteran's Day Concert Saturday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the River Valley High School. All are invited to share in an evening of music and fellowship.

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.

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

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 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.

FIRST SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS will meet Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call the church.

GRANNIES are in need of a new sewing machine. The ones they use have been donated. Recently one stopped working and cannot be repaired. They are asking for financial donations to purchase a new machine. An estimated cost is between \$300-\$500. Please mark your gift clearly "sewing machine."

A CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT will be held Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert is being sponsored by the Blairsville Monday Music Club and all area church choirs, music groups and area musicians are welcome to participate. The first rehearsal for the combined numbers will be held Monday, November 6th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Music for the combined numbers will be passed out at the first rehearsal. All interested participants should attend this first rehearsal. Questions may be directed to the club director, Cindy Borbonus.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Called Congregational Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Farewell Reception in Fellowship Hall
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
	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
		Daylight Saving Time Ends