



All who
EXALT themselves
will be **HUMBLED**,
and all who
HUMBLE themselves
will be **EXALTED**.

Matthew 23:12

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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November 5, 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

“In the Presence of Jehovah”

Arr. Wyrzten

Introit

“Praise the Name of Jesus”

Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus.

He’s my Rock, he’s my Fortress, he’s my Deliverer,

In him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 107*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;**

Leader: He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.

**People: And there he lets the hungry live,
and they establish a town to live in.**

*Hymn # 51

“How Great Thou Art”

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We lay heavy burdens on others, but are unwilling to share the load. We want to be lifted up as leaders, but you call us to humble service. 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

New Testament Lesson

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Anthem

“In the Presence of Jehovah”

Arr. Koerts

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Westminster Confession of Faith)

Good works are only such as God hath commanded in his holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention. These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

*Hymn # 486 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
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 # 580 “We Are Called to Be God’s People”
*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, Mary Anzelone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the kitchen end of Fellowship Hall.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday and voting will take place in Fellowship Hall all day.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY is a Christian Education Program that we are planning for students in grades K-6. We are in need of additional volunteers for this program to begin. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the church. If you are interested in helping, plan to attend the meeting. For more information, please call the church office, 724-459-7991.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

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."

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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND will present their free Veteran's Day Concert this Saturday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the River Valley High School. All are welcome.

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>.

A BLANKET DRIVE is being held to receive NEW blankets or throws for children served by Indiana County Children & Youth Services. Twin size is preferred. We will receive the blankets through November 26th. Please place donations at the back of the sanctuary. If you have questions or would like more information, please see Bonni Dunlap or contact her at bdunlap1211@gmail.com.

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. Each group is asked to present one or two musical Christmas songs and there will be two combined songs performed with all participants. 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 & Daylight Saving Time Ends
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Session Exit Interview with Presbytery
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
Tuesday		Election Day–Voting in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon 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
Friday	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptisms