



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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January 28, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Terry Brown, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“This Is My Father’s World”

Arr. Berry-Bennett

Introit (*all sing*)

“God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”

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God’s holy ways are just and true,

his promises are ever new:

O praise him, alleluia!

Let every heart with praises sing

And make this house with voices ring:

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 111*)

Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord
with my whole heart.

**People: Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

**People: You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

*Hymn # 94

“Shout to the Lord”

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have

turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Anthem

“Jesus Built This Church on Love”

By Hemphill

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

“Going to Church with Jesus”

Mrs. Tammy Noss

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(from Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

*Hymn # 664

“Thy Word”

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 443

“Trust and Obey”

*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 Guest Speaker, Mrs. Tammy Noss; Liturgist, Terry Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Alan Lowman and Mya Johnson; Audio/Visual Techs, John and Karen Kerin; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

WE WELCOME Tammy Noss to worship this morning. She is an authorized preacher with the Redstone Presbytery and she lives nearby, in Derry Township. Please be sure to greet her this morning.

THE 2023 ECCLESIASTICAL/CORPORATE MEETING will be held today immediately following worship. This meeting is an annual review of the work of the church. We hope you will plan to stay.

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will meet with staff beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 31st.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. Our bell choir is looking for new ringers. If you would like to try ringing a bell before committing to the choir, contact Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are looking for new voices to join our choir. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

THE 77TH ANNUAL TROOP 4 Soup & Chili Cookoff will be held Sunday, February 18th (*date change from the newsletter*) in Fellowship Hall. The event is scheduled from noon until 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and children ages 6 years and under are free. Price includes samples, bread, drink and dessert. All proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 4. Thank you.

PER CAPITA for 2024 is \$37.40 per member on the active roll. That breaks down to: General Assembly—\$10.00, Synod—\$2.40, and Presbytery—\$25.00. The Session has taken action to withhold all per capita to General Assembly with the exception of contributions given with specific designation to it.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will again offer the community Lenten services and lunches this year. Each Wednesday through the season of Lent, beginning at 12:00 noon, a Lenten service is held followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. A schedule of dates, places, and pastors are listed.

2/14	Crossroads Church.....	Pastor Harold Hicks
2/21	Hopewell Church	Pastor Susan O'Shaughnessy
2/28	C&MA Church.....	Pastor Bill Hebenthal
3/6	Hebron Lutheran Church	Pastor Fred Craig
3/13	United Presbyterian Church	Father Dino Laude
3/ 20	Black Lick Methodist.....	Pastor Jim Kendall
3/ 27	SS Simon & Jude Church	Pastor Jenn Krishart

THE SOUPER BOWL OFFERING will be received Sunday, February 11th during worship. The gifts received will be sent support of the Food Bank grocery distributions.

SS SIMON AND JUDE CHURCH has planned a Soup Sale for Saturday, February 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Soup will be by the quart and cost is \$9 each. Varieties will include Cream of Potato, Stuffed Pepper, Wedding, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef and Corn Beef and Cabbage.

WE WILL GATHER for worship at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Randy Stear. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Cookies and Coffee in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Tammy Noss
	12:00 p.m.	2023 Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club rehearses
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	PNC Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee meet with staff
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Saturday		Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Cookies and Coffee in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Howard Greenfield

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2024

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. In this year of transition we need volunteers to be active participants. Please review the list below and consider where you fit in. If you would like more information or have questions, please see an elder or call the church office. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings: co-chairs, Jean Heberling and Doug Clayton

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries: chair, Gene Artman

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education: co-chairs, Gene Artman and Jim Antis

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget: chair, Rick Shoemaker

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care: co-chairs, Bonni Dunlap and Todd Faulk

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory: chair, Terry Brown

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, picnics, outings, trips, camping: tbd

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity: chair, Kim McKinney