



*H*e is the one
we proclaim,
admonishing
and teaching
everyone with
all wisdom,
so that we may
present everyone
fully mature
in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:28, NIV

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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

February 4, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Todd Faulk, 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

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Arr. Berry-Bennett

Introit (*all sing*)

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

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Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From earth to the cross, my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 147*)

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

Leader: For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted,
binding up their wounds.

People: God's understanding is beyond measure.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn # 658

“Awesome God”

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:24-29

Sermon

"Do You Love a Good Mystery?"

Rev. Howard Greenfield

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.

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

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 # 719

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*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, Rev. Howard Greenfield; Liturgist, Todd Faulk; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Alan Lowman and Mya Johnson; Audio/Visual Techs, Eli and Brennan Borbonus; and Property Manager, Gene Artman.

WE WELCOME Rev. Howard Greenfield to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Greenfield is a retired United Methodist pastor and lives in Indiana. Please be sure to greet him.

THE 2023 ECCLESIASTICAL/CORPORATE MEETING was held last Sunday following worship. If you would like a copy of the annual report, extra copies are available at the back of the sanctuary.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be an organization meeting. All deacons are encouraged to attend.

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 SOUPER BOWL OFFERING will be received next Sunday, February 11th during worship. All gifts received will be sent support of the Food Bank for local grocery distributions.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will also celebrate Scout Sunday with the scouts and leaders who meet regularly in Fellowship Hall.

THE 77TH ANNUAL TROOP 4 Soup & Chili Cookoff will be held Sunday, February 18th 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.

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. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Randy Stear. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS will be available to you next Sunday, February 11th. The booklets include a Daily Lenten Reflection for each day through Lent and concludes on Easter Day. It was a community effort again this year with devotions written by friends in area churches. We would like to thank those from our church who participated by writing a devotion and providing artwork. We hope you pick one up and use it through the season.

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

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.

THANK YOU to all those who gave toward our Coats for Kids Coat Drive. This year Janet was able to give out a total of 53 coats to kids in need in our community. Thanks to the Men with Mixers this year and generous donations from many in the church, we raised a total of \$1,535 to support the coat ministry. A BIG thank you to Janet Smith for all her hard work and dedication in purchasing the coats and getting them to the families. Thank you to Nancy Boone and the grannies for supplying hats and scarves to give out with the coats.

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

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Cookies and Coffee in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Howard Greenfield
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club rehearse in the sanctuary
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	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
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Friday	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Cookies and Coffee in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Mrs. Donna Yarnal
		Scout Sunday <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Offering</i>