

John 1:5



*The light
shines in the darkness,
but the darkness
has not understood it.*

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 4, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Announcements

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Prayer

Prelude

"Birthday of a King"

Arr. Bennett/Berry

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Come into his presence with singing.

People: We lift our voices and enter his gates with praise.

*Hymn

"We Three Kings"

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, as we come before you now, we confess the many ways we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have erred by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you nor our neighbor with our whole heart. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to wholeness and place a right spirit within us that we may confidently move forward as your ambassadors in this world. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Hymn

"As with Gladness"

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Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

Sermon

"Hidden in Plain Sight"

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Arr. Hayes

Cindy Borbonus, Pianist

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Please hold the cup until all have received. We will partake together.)

*Hymn

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

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(Sing twice)

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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 Lewis; Ushers, Bob and Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

ACTIVITY BAGS have been prepared for our Young Disciples. Children are invited to pick one up on their way into worship. At the end of the service, please return your bag to the back of the sanctuary so it can be prepared for the following week.

THE KIDS CLOSET will be open to the public Monday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to help with sorting donation items and or appointments.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be the first meeting of the New Year.

BIBLE STUDY will resume. A morning study is held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and an evening study is held Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. ZOOM access is available to those who would like to participate from home. Please call the church office for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir is also looking for new members. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall Friday, January 9th from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

THE 2026 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway by the office. Flowers will continue to cost \$25 per arrangement. Please take time to sign up for your choice of dates.

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE would like to thank all those who purchased items from them or made donations to their group. All funds will be used to further their ministry in the church and in the community.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. Some numbers have changed. Please look for your name. If you would like a box of envelopes, please contact the church office.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is an annual review of the work of the church through 2025. Committee chairs and treasurers are asked to have year-end reports to the church office. Please contact the office if you need additional information.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Kid's Closet Open to the Public
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Friday	12:00 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship