



**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 11, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Trinity Chimes

Opening Prayer

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Prelude

*"Thy Didst Leave Thy Throne"* Arr. Bennett/Berry  
Organ and Piano Duet

Welcome

Announcements

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Call to Worship

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

**People: The God of glory thunders.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people.**

Leader: May the Lord bless his people with peace.

**People: Let us worship the God who calls us beloved.**

\*Hymn

*"Baptized in Water"*

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we often act as if we've forgotten who we truly are. Though you name us as your beloved children, we sin against you in untold ways. Forgive us, O God. Wash us clean. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may rise from the waters once again into the newness of life. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

Anthem

*"Let the Song Begin"*

Arr. Yarbrough

The Chancel Choir ~ Cindy Borbonus, Director

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 29

Special Music

*"Baptized in Water"*

Pam Lewis, Organist

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

"Our Identity in Christ"

Rev. John Manon

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offering

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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

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 DEACONS will offer to check blood pressures after worship this morning. Please see Susie Cotti.

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the granny room. There are tasks for many skill levels. All are welcome.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 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 2026 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway by the office. Sunday flowers have increased in cost to \$30 per arrangement. Please take time to sign up for your choice of dates.

THE DEACONS are considering offering a CPR Training in 2026. We need to know the level of interest. If you would like to attend a training, please contact Susie Cotti or call the church office, 724-459-7991.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting this year is to accept the report of the Nominating Committee, review the business of the church through 2025, hear from committee leaders how God was at work in our midst, and explore our hopes for the New Year. Committee chairs and treasurers are asked to have year-end reports to the church office by next Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office if you need additional information.

#### HANDBELL CHOIR UPDATE:

Vicky Westley, our handbell choir director, will be offering a **Handbell 101** session on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the bell choir room on the second floor of the education wing. ***All ages are welcome.*** Hope to see you there and ready for some fun! Contact Vicky to register.

A MOVIE NIGHT is scheduled for Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be showing Sight & Sound's production of "Jonah." Snacks will be provided. Plan to come out and join us.

A GERMAN THEMED COFFEE HOUR will be held next Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> following worship. Vicky and Bill Westley received a box from their son filled with lots of ginger cookies and a gingerbread, all made in Germany, and they would like to share them with the church family. They're also planning to make a German pastry and have hot dogs and sauerkraut. Plan to stay for a time of good German food and fellowship.

CALLING ALL MEN! You are invited to join with other men at Dean's Diner Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Blairsville Methodist Church. Several area choirs participate in the service which also includes scripture and prayer. This service is sponsored by the Blairsville Association of Churches. All are invited to attend.

THE BLESSING BOX is currently extremely low on personal care items, so we are reaching out again for donations. Many of you have been so generous in the past and we are so grateful to have you help in supporting Blairsville community members who may be struggling to meet their family's needs. It was decided by the Deacons to only restock the Blessing Box once a week on Sundays. There are usually just a few items, or none, remaining in the box by the following week. We have a small cardboard box for your donations located under the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you, and as you bless others, may God also bless you!

### **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class                    |
|                  | 10:00 a.m. Worship                                     |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks                       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 a.m. Grandma's Gifts of Love will Meet            |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. Blairsville Association of Churches Meeting |
|                  | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 10:30 a.m. Food Bank Grocery Distribution              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall              |
|                  | 5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall         |
|                  | 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group                              |
|                  | 6:00 p.m. Bible Study                                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Dean's Diner              |
|                  | 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class                    |
|                  | 10:00 a.m. Worship                                     |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. German Themed Coffee Hour                   |