

**neither** death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers, nor  
things present, nor things to  
come, nor powers, nor height,  
nor depth, nor anything else  
in all creation, **Will** be  
able to **separate**  
**us from the love**  
**of God in Christ**  
**Jesus our Lord.**

**ROMANS 8:38-39, NRSV**

**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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February 1, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Trinity Chimes*

Welcome

Terry Brown, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

*"Nobody Knows the Trouble"*

Arr. Hayes

Dave Hiltabidle, Saxophone – Cindy Borbonus, Piano

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are weary, all who are hopeful,  
all who long for God.

**People: We come, trusting that God meets us here.**

Leader: God's grace and mercy are new each morning.

**People: We lift our hearts to the One who restores and renews.**

Leader: Lift your lives to the Holy Spirit who gathers us as one.

**People: We lift ourselves to God's presence and  
transforming love.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with joy and gratitude.

**People: May the Lord's name be praised forever and ever.**

\*Hymn

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you know how easily we drift from your path. We confess the places where our hearts have grown tired, where our love has grown thin, where our trust has wavered. Restore us, O God. Restore what doubt and fear have taken, what pride has hardened, and what our sin has fractured. Renew our minds, reshape our desires, and revive our spirits so we may walk again in your light. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 144:1-2

Anthem

*"Jesus Built This Church on Love"*

By Hemphill

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:28-39

Sermon

"Battles"

Rev. John Manon

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Response 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.**

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

*"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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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, Terry Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

TODAY following worship, we will enjoy lunch followed by a Safety Presentation by Trooper Greenfield of the PA State Police. (This is rescheduled from an earlier cancellation) We hope you will stay.

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 for a meeting Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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.

AN OPERATION OVERVIEW MEETING will be held Wednesday in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All elders, deacons, strategic planning committee and staff are asked to attend.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will not rehearse Wednesday due to the Operation Overview meeting. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you enjoy needle work and would like some fellowship as you stitch, you are welcome. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is rescheduled for next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting this year is to 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.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held today 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.

NEXT SUNDAY we will receive the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering during worship. Your gifts will be sent to support the ICCAP Food Bank who offer nutritional help to those in Indiana County.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18<sup>th</sup> this year. A service, celebration of the Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes will be offered at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will plan now to begin your Lenten journey with us.

WE WILL celebrate Scout Sunday on February 8<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all scouts as they participate in our worship service.

THE DEACONS have scheduled a CPR Training for Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the training, please contact Susie Cotti or call the church office, 724-459-7991. This training is open to our church family and the community. The cost will be \$25 per person.

THE MINISTERIUM has again sponsored a community wide Lenten Devotional. Daily readings have been written and submitted by many in our community from the various churches. These booklets will be available to you by Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

SS SIMON AND JUDE PARISH will host a Soup Sale at the Parish Center Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. A variety of soups will be available including: potato, chili, ham & bean, stuffed pepper, corned beef & cabbage, chicken noodle and wedding. Cost is \$9.00 per quart.

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 ANNUAL TROOP 4 Soup and Chili Cookoff will be held Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall following worship. Cost is \$10 per person ages 6 years and up. Price includes all samples, bread, drink and dessert. Make plans to join the boy scouts for another lunch of warm soups and chili. Proceeds benefit the troop's expenses throughout the year.

THE 2026 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway by the church office. Sunday flowers have increased in cost to \$30 per arrangement. We hope you will take time to sign up for your choice of dates.

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Church Luncheon (provided)
	12:00 p.m.	Safety Presentation by Trooper Greenfield
	3:00 p.m.	Community Service of Christian Unity
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Kid's Closet is Open to the Public
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Operation Overview Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Scout Sunday
	11:00 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting