

...you have
purified
your souls
by your
obedience
to the truth...
love one another
deeply
from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22, 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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July 26, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

Vacation Bible School Song

Welcome

Liturgist, Tricia Baker

Announcements

Vacation Bible School Presentation

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, we are called to walk worthy of the gifts
we have received with humility, gentleness, and patience.

**People: We come seeking the unity of the Holy Spirit
in the bond of peace.**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, one hope
to which we are called.

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Leader: One God and Father of all, who is over all,
through all, and in all.

People: Let us now worship Almighty God, who makes us one.

*Hymn *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* # 466

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess the places in our hearts that have grown hurried, distracted, divided, and hardened. We have spoken words that have wounded, held back when you call us forward, and we have trusted our own strength more than your grace. Forgive us. Meet us in our weakness, steady what is unsure in us, and shower us once again in your perfect grace. In and through Christ, we pray. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

*Hymn

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

631

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons

John 17:20-23

Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Peter 1:22

Special Music

"Red Letters"

Larry Fleet

Sermon

"Called to a Costly Unity"

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one

holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. AMEN.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All those 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 Liturgist, Tricia Baker; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Bob and Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Dave Aikins.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Russ Harvey by Sue Harvey and family.

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

NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

KID'S MEALS will be distributed to families from Fellowship Hall Monday and Thursday from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. We are the host site for this program. Volunteers will be provided by The Well, Faith Forward and Summit Church.

BIBLE STUDY will not meet this week. We will resume next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Zoom access is available to those who would like to join a study from home.

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 to join the group. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

WE WILL HOST the community for a Public Meeting. This will be a progress report on increased truck traffic. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

OFFICE HOURS have changed. Jill is in the office 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Pastor John is in the office Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE are holding a Quilt Raffle. The quilt is displayed at the back of the sanctuary. A winner will be drawn in early September. Proceeds will support the group's mission of outreach to our church and the community. Please see a granny or contact the church office to get your tickets.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next outdoor worship service is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd. We will gather in the church yard at 10:00 a.m. Following worship, a potluck picnic and fellowship will be enjoyed in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will plan to attend! Be sure to dress for the outdoors and bring a dish to share.

SOMETHING NEW! We are the new site for the Blairsville Head Start Program. They are now enrolling for the 2026-2027 Program Year. Head Start is a free preschool program for qualifying families. For more information, see an elder or call the church office.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship & VBS Presentation
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grandma's Gifts of Love
	3:30 p.m.	Children's Food Distribution
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	3:30 p.m.	Children's Food Distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Public Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion