



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, 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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September 27, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Welcome

Tricia Baker, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Words

L: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: You are our lamp, O God. You lighten our darkness.

P: You are our strong refuge, and make our way safe.

L: Let us pray...

Gracious God, gather us into your perfect light this morning. Quiet the noise around us and within us, so your Holy Spirit can breathe hope, courage, and renewal into our hearts. Shape this time of worship into an offering that honors you and strengthens us to serve and to love well this week. In Christ's glorious name. AMEN.

Prelude

"To God Be the Glory"

Arr. Jeff Anderson

The Otter Creek Brass

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

*Hymn

"There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood"

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DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 23:39-43, John 3:16-21

Special Music

"Abide with Me"

Arr. Arkstar

Sermon

"The Gospel In A Word"

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

"Oh Shenandoah"

Arr. Jeff Anderson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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*Benediction (*unison*)

**The peace of God which surpasses all understanding be with us.
Keep our hearts and minds in the love of God as we go to be
servants of the Lord. AMEN.**

*Postlude

"Voluntary, Prince of Denmark's March"

Arr. Drew R. Fennell

*(*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 Guest Musicians, the Otter Creek Brass; Liturgist, Tricia Baker; Director of Music, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Jean Heberling, Susie Cotti, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Tom and Bea Smith by Ed and Becky Bence.

WE WELCOME the Otter Creek Brass this morning. A big thank you to them for sharing special music with us during the worship service.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today immediately following worship to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2027 Terms of Call. Please plan to stay.

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

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Pastor John continues to lead the study in the gospel of Mark. Please contact the church office for information on joining 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.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE has organized a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial Park on Saturday, October 24th. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. and ride together on a small bus to the site. Cost will be shared closer to the date. On the return trip, we will stop for lunch in Ligonier. Please RSVP to Chris Antis by October 20th.

DURING THE MONTH of September, we will be collecting items to include in care packages for our college or trade school students. Items can include: gum, candy, gift cards, cookies, snacks, etc. A box is located at the back of the sanctuary for your donations. The deacons will assemble the packages and have them delivered to students. We currently have 6 students. Please see Chris Antis if you have a son or daughter attending college or trade school.

NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate World Communion during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is asking for our help to supply PDA Cleanup Buckets to those affected by extreme flooding in West Virginia and Ohio. There is currently an emergency need. Each PDA Cleanup Bucket is valued at \$40. We will be receiving financial gifts to provide the buckets. Our goal is to supply 40 buckets which will be purchased and assembled, then delivered to a site assigned by PDA. If you would like to give toward this endeavor, please make your gifts payable to the church and clearly mark "Cleanup Buckets" on your envelope or check memo line. We will be receiving gifts until September 27th. PDA needs the buckets by October 1st.

A FALL FESTIVAL is planned for Saturday, October 31st from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard. There will be games, food and lots of fun! Families are invited to bring your children after trick-or-treating in town. This event is free and open to our church and community. Stay tuned for details and opportunities to get involved.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grandma's Gifts of Love
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting.
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship and World Communion