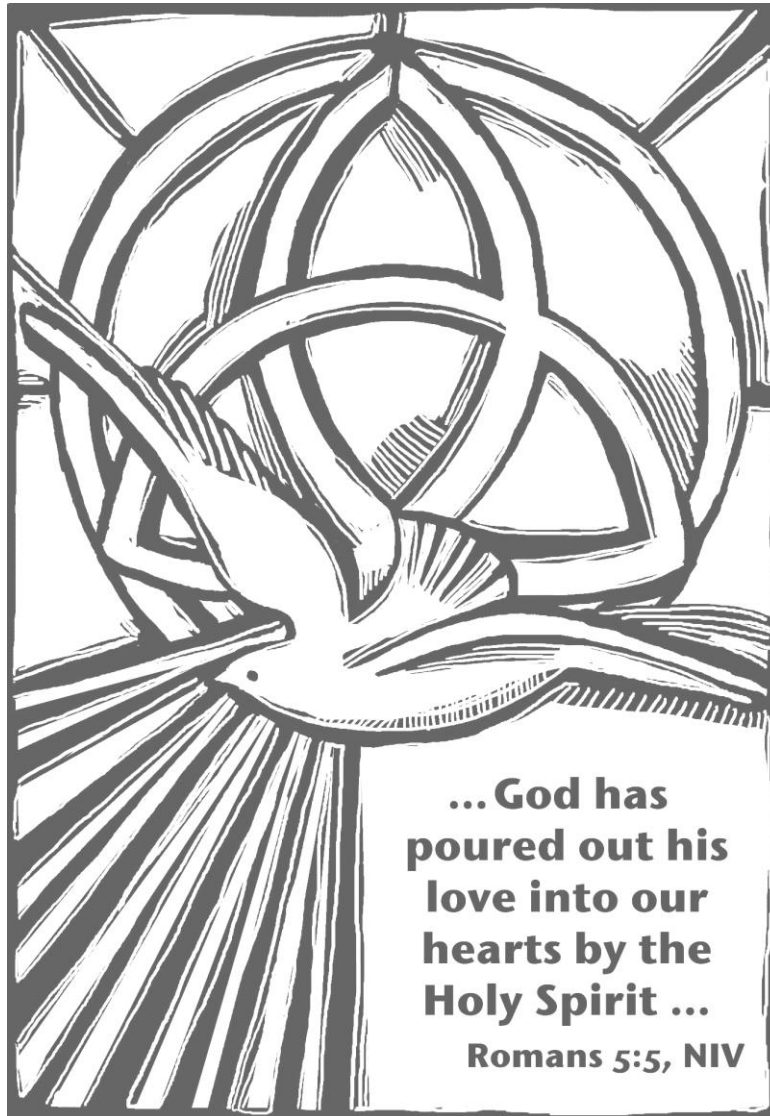




**THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE**

*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit  
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

October 18, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Trinity Chimes*

Prelude

Welcome

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn

*"When Peace Like A River"*

#428

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

Musical Offering

*"I'm His to Command"*

Phil Kerr

**DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture

Romans 5: 1-11; Romans 11: 33-36

Sermon

"What Is a Reformed Believer?"

Rev. John Manon

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation 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

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn *"Baptized in Water"* #679

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn *"Softly and Tenderly"* #348

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*(\*All those 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, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Elaine Jellison, Becky Bence, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building & Grounds, Dave Aikins.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Chubby McKinney given by Ron and Kim McKinney.

THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Carson Robert, son of Caitlin and Austin Piper, is baptized into Christ and the family of faith.

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. Donations of new or gently used items are being accepted.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available for pick up in the parlor.

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 FLIGHT 93 DAY TRIP to Memorial Park is Saturday, October 24th. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. and ride together on a small bus to the site. On the return trip, we will stop for lunch in Ligonier. Please come prepared for the weather that day. Bring extra money for lunch and souvenirs.

A FALL FESTIVAL is planned for Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please let Erica Ash know if you are able to help.

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

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN Church is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Cost is adults- \$12.00, children ages 5-12- \$6.00. Children 4 years and under free.

CALLING ALL BAKERS... families in the congregation are asked to donate 4 dozen cookies, candies, or holiday treats for our **Christmas Cookie Sale to be held Saturday, December 5th** from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bake more than one type of cookie. All baked goods may be dropped off in a disposable container on Friday, December 4th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. through the church office or Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact the church office.

A CHRISTMAS COOKIE sale is planned for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall along with Blairsville Light Up Night. The cost is \$10.00 a pound. Proceeds will support Deacon Ministries.

BELIEVE it or not the annual Thanksgiving Dinner is just around the corner on Sunday November 22! Once again, we will need some people to roast a turkey. We'll also need everyone attending to make side dishes or desserts. If you're not a cook or baker, store bought items work well too! A signup sheet will be in the back of church the next few Sundays. Thank you for your participation in this fun time of fellowship.

WE ARE PARTICIPATING in another Christmas card program for our military called "Hugs for Soldiers". We're asking you to please send a message of thanks to a soldier for their service and sacrifice in a Christmas card. Address each card with, "Dear Service Member". Use a standard card size. Please sign the card using only your first name, city and state. These will be added to care packages and sent in bundles to specific military units around the world. The deadline for cards is Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience, blank Christmas cards will be available along with the deposit box in the back of the sanctuary.

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 10:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism                                                                                                 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 5:00 p.m. Kid's Closet<br>6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting<br>6:00 p.m. Monday Music Club                                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study                                                                                                         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:00 a.m. WIC – Fellowship Hall<br>2:00 p.m. Stitching Group<br>6:00 p.m. Bible Study<br>6:30 p.m. Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved                                                                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9:00 a.m. Flight 93 Day Trip                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 10:00 a.m. Reformation Sunday Worship                                                                                          |

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