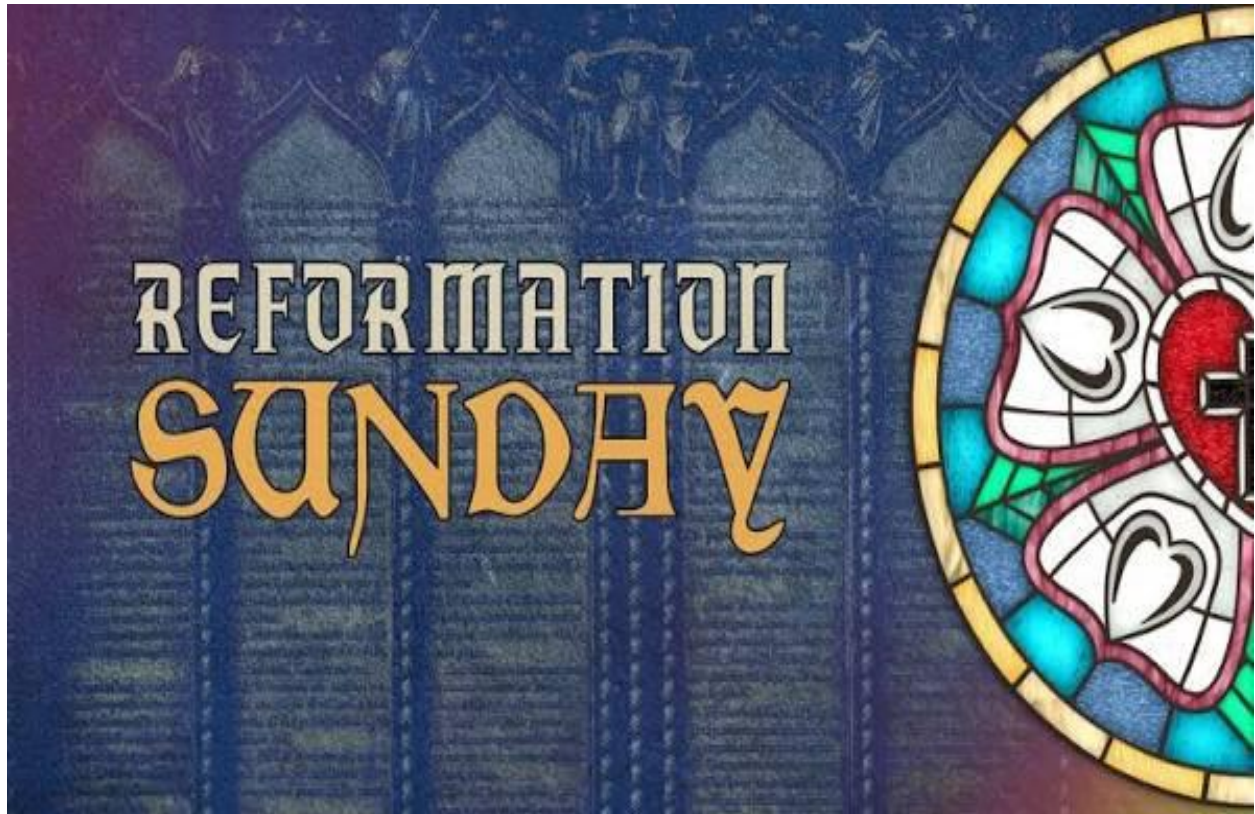




THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

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

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October 25, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

(John Calvin-Strasbourg, France, 1551)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Processional

Bible-Word of God leads the people

Cross- Symbol of eternal redemption

Bagpipes- Calling the people to worship

Christian Flag- Represents the witness & mission of the church

Pastor- Proclamation of the Word

Prelude

"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Announcements

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Call to Worship

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help
in trouble.

**P: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth
shall shake.**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us.

P: The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord.

**P: We will worship God who reforms and renews
his church.**

*Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#507

*Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess the many ways we have sinned- in
thought, in work, and in deed. We have trusted in our own
wisdom and strength, closing to our own righteousness, and we
have taken for granted the grace that you alone grant. Forgive us,
O Lord. By your Holy Spirit, reform our hearts, renew our minds**

and restore within us the joy of your salvation. Through Jesus the Christ, our only Mediator, we pray. AMEN.

***Assurance of Pardon (from Romans: 21-24)**

L: Hear the good news, "But now the righteousness of God has been revealed and we are justified by God's grace as a gift"

P: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

***The Doxology**

***Sharing the Peace**

Musical Offering

"Chain Breaker"

By Zach Williams

Abigail Bruner, Signing

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, who spoke through prophets and Apostles, upon our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that your word may be fully heard, rightly understood, truly believed, and faithfully obeyed, for the glory of Christ alone. AMEN.

First Reading of the Word:

Psalm 46

Second Reading of the Word:

Romans 3: 19-28

Third Reading of the Word:

John 8: 31-36

Proclamation of the Word:

"Celebrating of Presbyterianism"

Rev. John Manon

***Hymn of Response**

"The Church's One Foundation"

#544

***Confession of Faith (from Scots Confession of 1560)**

L: We confess and acknowledge one God alone,

P: **To whom we must cleave,**

L: Whom alone we serve,

P: **In whom we put all our trust,**

L: And from whom alone we seek our comfort.

P: **AMEN.**

Prayer of the Saints and The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

By Kevin Weed

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

#441

The Sending:

*Benediction

Go forth in the strength of God, standing firm in his word, rejoicing in his grace, and trusting in Christ alone. And many the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always, AMEN.

*Recessional

"Highland Cathedral"

By James Wetherald

*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, Dennis Gould; Special Music, Abigail Bruner; Piper, Bob Cosharek; Director of Music, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Elaine Jellison, Becky Bence, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building & Grounds, Todd Faulk

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Todd Warnick given by Elaine Jellison.

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.

REMEMBER to turn your clocks back one hour on November 1st for Daylight Saving's Time.

OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN begins November 1st and encourages everyone to prayerfully consider their commitment to God's work through our church. Together, we will celebrate how our gifts of time, talents, and resources strengthen and mission of our church.

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 8th. For your convenience, blank Christmas cards will be available along with the deposit box in the back of the sanctuary.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD has also begun. Share the love of God by shopping and filling a shoebox with items for a child. Shoe boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary if you need them. Instructions are also available. If you need more information, please see Pam Lewis. Please return your filled boxes by Sunday, November 9th.

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 5th 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.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2025 church budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin planning for next year and consider your financial needs. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the church office.

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. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please let Erica Ash know if you are able to help.

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.

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

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grandma's Gifts of Love
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
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
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
		Daylight Saving's Time ends
		Stewardship Campaign Begins