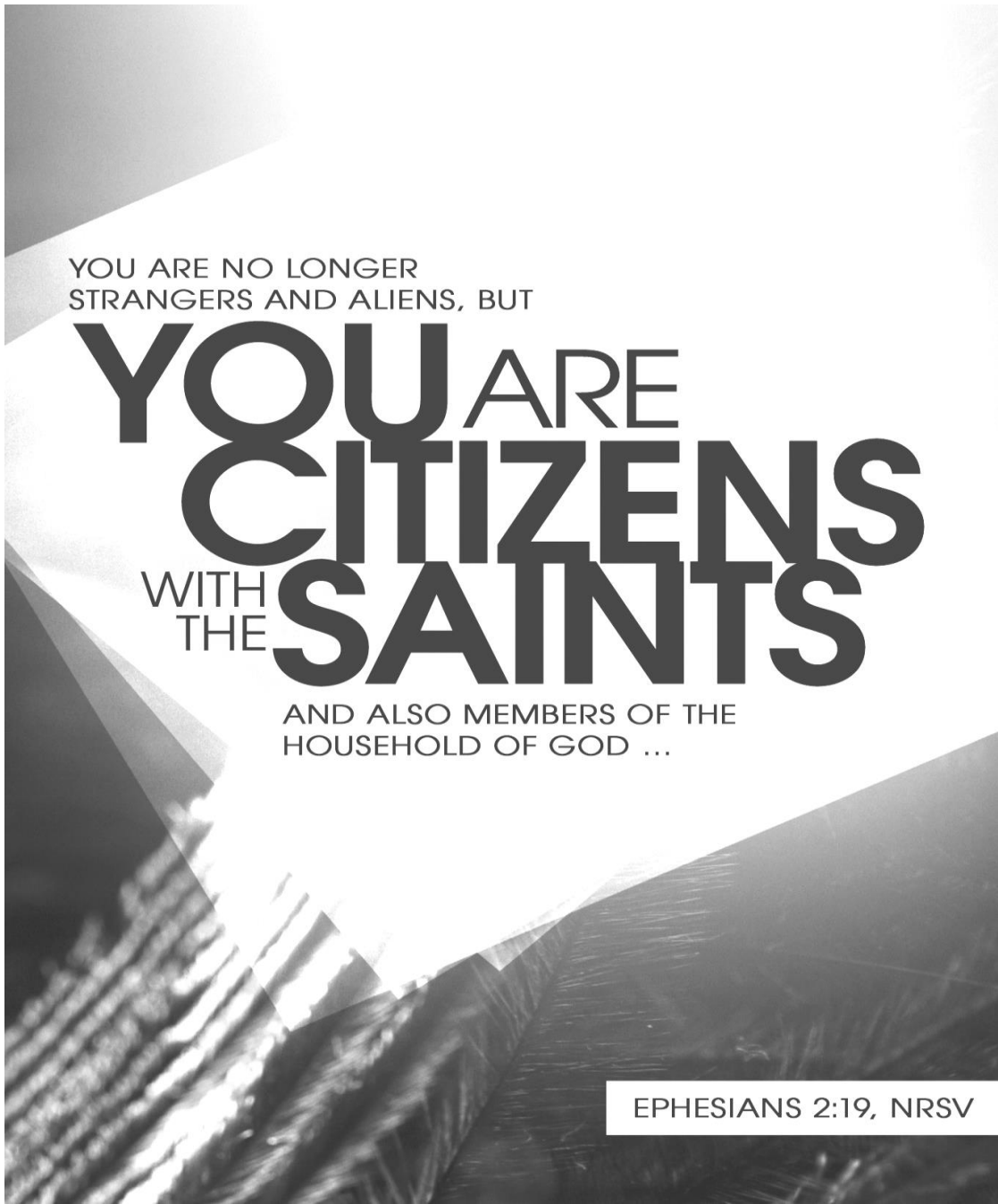




YOU ARE NO LONGER
STRANGERS AND ALIENS, BUT

YOU ARE CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS

AND ALSO MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSEHOLD OF GOD ...

EPHESIANS 2:19, 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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

October 4, 2026, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Welcome

Barb Brown, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

L: From north and south, from east and west, from every land and language,
God's people gather in praise.

P: We come as one body, united in Christ.

L: The Holy Spirit moves about like the wind, calling us into a holy communion of believers.

P: Welcome to worship the God who makes us one.

L: Lift up your hearts, for the Lord of all nations welcomes us here.

P: We rejoice in the grace and goodness of God.

*Hymn

"All People Who on Earth Do Dwell"

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*Call to Confession

This day we remember that unity is a gift that we do not always honor. Let us come to this moment with honesty and hope trusting in the mercy that gathers the world. May we now join our voices in the Prayer of Confession.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess now the many ways we have sinned against you. We have not lived as one people. We so often allow fear or our own comfort to shape our choices, pride to shape our words, and division to shape our communities. Forgive us for the ways we close our hearts to neighbors near and far. Renew us and make us bold in love, generous in compassion, and eager to seek unity in Christ. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Song of Preparation

"Listen to the Word"

French Protestant Church

Listen to the Word that God has spoken; Listen to the One who is close at hand.

Listen to the Voice that began creation; Listen even if you don't understand.

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Ephesians 2:13-22

Sermon

"Gathered at One Table"

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

L: People of God, across every continent and island,
across every language and culture, across every tradition
and denomination, today – World Communion Sunday,
we gather at one table.

This is the table of Jesus Christ. A table wide enough for the world.

A table where strangers become siblings.

A table where division is healed by grace.

Come, for Christ invites all who seek him, all who hunger for hope,
all who thirst for peace, all who long for true unity.

**P: We come as individual believers. We come united as one body,
one family, one church. We come united by faith with brothers and sisters
from every place on this earth. Thanks be to God for this blessing.**

Communion Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

*"The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body."*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of this table, shared by believers
around the globe.

**P: From small villages to crowded cities,
from quiet chapels to open-air gatherings,
your people break bread and share a cup.**

L: We thank you for the diversity of your church,
for different languages, songs, and traditions,
yet one Holy Spirit, one Savior, and one hope.
Bless this bread and this cup. Make them for us
the reality of the presence of Christ.

**P: Unite us with all who share this feast today,
and strengthen us to be your people in this world.**

A: AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

L: On the night Jesus gave himself for us, He took bread, blessed it,
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying...

P: "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

A: We are one body. For we all partake of the one loaf.

The Sharing of the Cup

L: Likewise, Jesus took the cup and gave thanks saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.”

P: We share one cup, united in Christ’s love.

Invitation to Receive

L: The gifts of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God forever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

L: Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation.

**P: As we rise from this table, send us out as one people – to love boldly,
to serve generously, to seek justice, to walk humbly, and to live
as witnesses of your global grace.**

L: Make us one, O Lord. Make us whole. Make us yours. AMEN.

*Hymn *“They’ll Know We Are Christians”* # 595

*Benediction (*Ireland*)

*Postlude

*(*All those who are able, please stand)*

This morning we celebrate World Communion. 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, Barb Brown; Director of Music, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Elaine Jellison, Becky Bence, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Dennis Gould.

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 BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

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 \$15 per person. On the return trip, we will stop for lunch in Ligonier. Please RSVP to Chris Antis by October 20th.

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.

PASTOR JOHN is giving you the opportunity to choose his sermon subjects for some upcoming Sundays in October and November. Cards are available at the back of the sanctuary to write down your ideas. It could be a text of scripture you've wondered about, a subject you would like to know about or a question. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor John.

WE RECENTLY hired a new Financial Secretary to work alongside Jill to learn the position. Her name is Lisa Pohley and she started Tuesday, September 29th. Lisa is a native to this area. She is eager to meet everyone and learn the ins and outs of the church office. If you're at the church during office hours, stop by and introduce yourself. We ask for patience and grace as we transition in the office. Jill will retire December 31st.

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