

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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November 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Announcements

Stewardship Moment

*Call to Worship

L: Come, people of God, from busy lives and distracted hearts.

P: We come seeking the presence of the Lord.

L: God has called us by name and gathered us in love.

P: We come to worship the One who created us, redeemed and sustains us.

L: Bring your joys, your struggles, your hopes, your fears.

P: We place them before God, trusting in his grace.

L: Let us worship the Lord with gladness

P: Let us praise God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

*Hymn *"To God be the Glory"* # 66

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to love with all our heart, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we confess that we often fall short. We become distracted by our own desires and fail to follow your leading. We confess all our sins in this moment. Forgive us, O God, and in your mercy cleanse our hearts. Renew a right spirit within us, and open our eyes to your presence among us. Strengthen us to walk in faith, serve in joy, and reflect Christ in all we do. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news. If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive. Therefore, know and believe that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons Malachi 4:5-6; Luke 1:11-19; Galatians 4: 4-5

*Hymn *"I Love to Tell the Story"* # 560

Sermon "What Happened in the Silence?"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Response 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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Please hold the cup until all have received. We will partake together.)

*Hymn *"How Great Thou Art"* # 51

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. 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, Todd Faulk; Ushers, Linda George, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Dave Aikins.

THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN is more than a financial appeal; <u>it's a spiritual invitation.</u> We are called to be stewards of God's house, investing in both its present vitality and its future impact. As we give, we participate in the unfolding story of faith, hospitality, and transformation that our church embodies.

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.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 3rd. There will be voting in Fellowship Hall all day. Please be aware of extra traffic when visiting the church.

BIBLE STUDY will resume. A morning study is held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and an evening study is held Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. ZOOM access is available to those who would like to participate 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.

YOU ARE INVITED to participate in the Annual Community Christmas Concert, Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 PM at the United Presbyterian Church, Blairsville. The concert is hosted by the Blairsville Monday Music Club. Individuals can join in a community chorus with Monday rehearsals: November 2, 9, 16 and 30 at 7:00 PM at the Blairsville Presbyterian Church; and Friday, December 4 at 7:00 PM. Church choirs, choruses or musical groups are invited to present up to two numbers for the concert. Please contact Kathy at 724-388-1058 with title(s) and name of the group. The congregation is invited to attend the concert and invite their neighbors and friends!

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.

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.

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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND will perform a free Veteran's Day concert at the River Valley Sr. High School Auditorium on Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m.

THE INDIANA COUNTY VETERANS EXPO & STAND DOWN DAY will take place on Friday, November 6, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex (KCAC) in Indiana, PA. This free event connects veterans, surviving spouses, and their families with vital resources, healthcare providers, VA benefit workshops, and employment assistance. Essential winter supplies will also be distributed to at-risk and homeless veterans. Free food and live entertainment will be provided.

THE BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 Soup and Chili Cookoff will be held Sunday, November 15th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall following worship. Cost is $10 per person ages 6 years and up. Price includes all samples, bread, drink and dessert. We hope you will stay for a lunch of warm soups and chili.

THE GRANNIE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET will be open on December 5th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. COMING SOON! The grannies will be setting up their display of homemade items in the church parlor. Stop in on and check it out for your gift-giving needs.

Beginning on Saturday, November 14th, THE WELL CORPORATION OF PA—Blairsville Chapter will begin serving a monthly hot meal once each month in our Fellowship Hall. This is open to the public. The Well has a location on Market Street, however they have out grown that location for distributing meals. In October, they served 122 meals. Pastor John has been involved on a monthly basis offering prayer and support to those who may need it.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Kid's Closet Open
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club
Tuesday	All Day	Election Voting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Society in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Veteran's Expo at the KCAC
	6:00 p.m.	Square Dancing
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Meeting
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship