



For *God*
so loved the world,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever
believes in *him*
should not perish
but have *eternal life*.

John 3:16

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

May 26, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Introit (*all sing*) "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

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**God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

**People: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and in his temple, all say, "Glory!"**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*Hymn # 562 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, You have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, preferring to go in different ways, seeking other companions, thinking we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, farther still from you. Can you help us find our way back? Have mercy on our waywardness, stir us to accept what you have to offer, gift us with faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem	“Jesus Is Calling America”	Arr. Peterson
	Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
Gospel Lesson		John 3:1-17
Sermon	“You’re Not Listening. Let Me Say It Again”	
	Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music	Angie Neal
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*Affirmation of Faith *(The Scots’ Confession)*

By Adam and Eve’s transgression, generally known as original sin, the image of God was utterly defaced in man, and he and his children became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. And thus everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, are not, or shall not be reborn from above. This rebirth is wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost creating in the hearts of God’s chosen ones an assured faith in the promise of God revealed to us in his

Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.

*Hymn # 94 "Shout to the Lord"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*(*All 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 Speaker, Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson; Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Special Music, Angie Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, John and Karen Kerin; and Property Manager, Gene Artman.

WE WELCOME back Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson to our pulpit today. Rev. Wilson is our moderator as we look for our next pastor. Please be sure to greet him.

TODAY is the final Sunday that our Chancel Choir will share music during the service. They will take a break for the summer months and return in the fall. Thank you to the choir members and to Cindy for sharing their gifts with us each Sunday.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday morning in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Gene Artman and Bill Lint are leading the study. This will be the last gathering but will pick up again in the fall.

A CPR TRAINING CLASS has been scheduled by our deacons. It will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or would like to attend the training, please see Susie Cotti or call the church office.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for new ringers. If you would like to try ringing a handbell before committing to the choir, contact Vicky Westley for more information.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. All are welcome.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION will be held during the 10:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, June 2nd. Those who received information by mail, please be sure to return the form to the church office along with any pictures you would like for the screen. If you are willing to provide special music, please see Cindy Borbonus. Any graduate who did not receive the information, please contact the church office.

BEGINNING IN JUNE, we will host guest musicians and have Special Music during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent for our worship service, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

TODAY is the last Sunday to donate baby items for the Deacon pantry. During the month of June, we will team up with John Bruner to receive cereal donations. Please see the information from John below.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 2nd. The worship hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Our choirs will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Mark your calendars.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have been providing the refreshments before worship. Beginning in June our worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our time of refreshment will end during the summer months. We'll update you in the fall.

A KID'S CLOSET will open in July! During the month of June the deacons will start collecting gently used clothes for a Kids Closet which will be helping local families in need. Clothing sizes from newborn to young adult will be accepted. Donations for the Kids Closet will be accepted ongoing: please reach out to the deacons if you have any questions. The Kids closet will be open to the local community starting the week of July 8th. Local Blairsville families in need should call the church office to set up an appointment to retrieve clothing needed for their children.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who should consider attending include: elders, deacons, staff and anyone interested in working with children within the church. Please contact Bonni Dunlap or call the church office if you are interested in attending.

THE SECOND BLAIRSVILLE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL will be held in June to support the Murphy Lot Park. The festival will feature a trio of captivating concerts on June 20 at the Blairsville Amphitheater-7:30 p.m. (if inclement weather, at Hebron Lutheran Church), June 21 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church-7:00 p.m. and June 23 in our sanctuary-1:00 p.m. Delight in the artistry of renowned New York City-based musicians as they bring classical masterpieces to life. Don't miss this celebration of exquisite music in the heart of Blairsville. Suggested donation is \$20 and will go toward development of the Murphy Lot Park.

LOOKING AHEAD

Guest speakers scheduled for June are listed below.

10:00 a.m.	June 2	Rev. Ray Lyons
Summer	June 9	Faith Stories
Schedule	June 16.....	Donna Yarnal
	June 23.....	to be confirmed
	June 30.....	Donna Kanyan

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshment and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson
Monday		<i>Memorial Day</i>
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	CPR Training
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ray Lyons <i>Graduate Recognition</i>
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“Center Shot on Cereal”

My name is John Bruner and I have been a member of the Indiana County 4-H Program since I joined as a Cloverbud at age 5. I've completed a lot of projects over the years but my favorite is shooting sports. This year I am focused on completing my 4-H diamond project (the equivalent of an Eagle Scout Project). My activity will be a 2-day shooting sports day camp. Along with all the fun things campers will experience and educational skills they will learn, my diamond project has a service-learning component. In line with the National Shooting Sports Program called Center Shot on Cereal, one of the workshops at day camp will be to discuss good nutrition as it relates to shooting sports. Iron fortified cereals build strong bones and muscles necessary for shooting strength and stamina. I am partnering with ICCAP, the Indiana County Community Action Program, to collect boxes of dry cereal from churches, 4-H clubs, individuals, and community organizations to support my mission of helping Indiana County with food insecurity. I am asking for your help. My goal is to have at least 500 boxes of cereal donated. Any kind, any size, and any variety is accepted. I plan to collect all donated cereal by July 1st. If you have any questions about my diamond project or the National 4-H Shooting Sports Center Shot on Cereal Initiative, please contact me.

Thanks in advance for helping to make my Diamond Project successful!

