

**YOU ARE
DUST,
& TO DUST
YOU SHALL
RETURN**
Genesis 3:19

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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June 2, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Todd Faulk, 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 “He Looked Beyond My Fault” Arr. Mercer
Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship

Leader: We come together to observe the Sabbath day
and keep it holy.

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to praise God with festive songs
and shouts of joy!

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior
calling us to compassion.

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to experience the abundance
of God’s grace.

People: Let us worship God.

*Hymn # 289 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*Prayer of Confession

Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:19

Special Music "How Majestic/Great Is the Lord"

Arr. Wyrzten

New Testament Lesson

Romans 12:9-18

Sermon

"Dust Plus"

Rev. Raymond Lyon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn # 436

"Grace Alone"

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 21 "This Is My Father's World"

Graduate Recognition

*Benediction

*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. Raymond Lyon; Liturgist, Todd Faulk; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

WE WELCOME Rev. Raymond Lyon to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Lyon is from Grace Church in Indiana. Please be sure to greet him before you leave.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim and Sally Bence by Ed and Becky Bence.

TODAY we will have a time to recognize our graduates during the service. Those graduating from high school include Eli Borbonus, Olivia Eckenroad and Emily Harkleroad. Those graduating from college are Elizabeth Bruner and Amy Kukula. We wish you the best in your future endeavors and congratulate you on your accomplishments!

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Deacons are reminded that meetings will continue through the summer months.

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.

WE WILL HOST guest musicians and have Special Music during the summer months. 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.

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 would like to attend.

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.

Guest speakers scheduled for June are listed below.

10:00 a.m.	June 9	Faith Stories
Summer	June 16	Donna Yarnal

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

June 2 Organ and Piano Duet

June 9 Nightengals

June 23 Adam Loucks

July 7 Betsy Holby

July 21 Angela Lyons

**Dates are still available for guest musicians*

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ONLINE GIVING



SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Rev. Raymond Lyon Graduate Recognition
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Blairsville Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Faith Stories

The Stewardship Committee was formed to develop a plan of responsible Christian stewardship for the congregation. The plan was to include ways to encourage giving of time, talent, and gifts. Through research and discussion, the committee devised a plan for the upcoming year. The focus will be on asking, telling, and thanking members about stewardship.

The first steps of the plan are to assess our strengths and needs by:

- gathering feedback from members about our ministries and possible new ministries; and,
- analyzing mission giving and explaining missions and special offerings.

The second part will be:

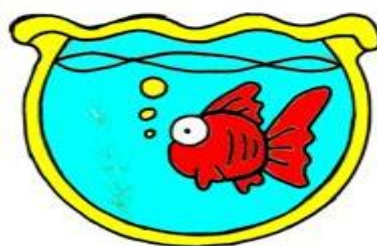
- analyzing our church's incomes and expenditures in preparation for compiling the 2025 budget in September;
- instituting ways to give donations online through our website and a QR code

Finally, we don't want to forget to recognize those who give for their gifts, by:

- recognizing their accomplishments;
- sharing that information on our bulletin board and in our newsletter and bulletins; and,
- celebrating each year our gifts at a "Thanksgiving" service.

We thought it would be fun to incorporate a symbol to remind everyone about the stewardship plan and brought back "GUS", which stands for Greater Understanding of Stewardship. GUS will follow us throughout the year and be noticeable on special activities related to stewardship.

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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 my contact information is: John C. Bruner, 724-717-5238, jcb5238@gmail.com.



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