



GIVE EAR,  
**O LORD,**

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TO MY PRAYER;  

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LISTEN TO MY  

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PLEA FOR GRACE.  

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PSALM 86:6, ESV

**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

June 16, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Jean Heberling, 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

“Each Step That I Take”  
Organ and Piano Duet

Arr. Mercer

Call to Worship

Leader: The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

**People: May our hearts be receptive to the Word.**

Leader: The Love of God rains down on us.

**People: May our souls soak in the wonder of God’s love.**

Leader: The Breath of God blows softly within us.

**People: May our minds be stirred  
by the power of God’s spirit.**

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship our awesome God!

**People: May our worship today reenergize and brighten  
the light of Christ in us for all to see!**

\*Hymn # 499

“He Leadeth Me”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people - For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone. For every time we promise to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected. For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused. For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom. For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us. For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our**

**indifference to the suffering around us. Forgive us Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 86:1-7

Special Music

“For I Shall See Him”

Arr. Wyrzten

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

“What Will Jesus Find?”

Donna Yarnal

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture; to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\*Hymn # 31 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

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 # 530

“Faith of Our Fathers”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

*\*Worship Helps today by Teri McDowell Ott and the Presbyterian Outlook.*

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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, Donna Yarnal; Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Eli and Brennan Borbonus; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of the Stuchal family by Gary and Barri Stuchal.

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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the men of the church who encourage us in our faith!

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

A SESSION MEETING will be held in Fellowship Hall Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

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.

OUR CHURCH SECRETARY will be out of the office the week of June 24 – 28. Volunteers will be available to answer phones and greet visitors. If you have an announcement for the June 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin, please have it to the church office by Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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.

**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.

**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.

Don't forget your cereal donations as we support John Bruner with his Diamond Project. All donations will support the ICCAP Food Bank. A collection box is located at the back of the sanctuary. For more information, contact John C. Bruner, [jcb5238@gmail.com](mailto:jcb5238@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for helping to make my Diamond Project successful!

THE 226<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY will be held in Salt Lake City, UT from June 25 – July 4. The General Assembly has several specific responsibilities outlined in Chapter 3 of the Book of Order. The assembly seeks to protect our church from errors in faith and practice, is responsible for assuring that the expression of our theology remains true to the biblical standards in our historic confessions. The General Assembly presents a witness for truth and justice in our community and in the world community. It sets priorities for the church and establishes relationships with other churches or ecumenical bodies. As the meetings begin, many important topics will be discussed and voted on that will affect the PC(USA) local churches. A bulletin insert is included today with information about some of the topics that will be discussed over the 10 day period. The information is provided by the Presbyterian Outlook. If you would like to follow the assembly online, check out [ga.pcusa.org](http://ga.pcusa.org).

### **SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

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| <b>Sunday</b>   | 10:00 a.m. Worship with Donna Yarnal<br><i>Father's Day</i>                                    |
|                 | 11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks   |
| <b>Monday</b>   | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall   |
| <b>Thursday</b> | 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group<br>6:30 p.m. Blairsville Brass Rehearsal                             |
| <b>Friday</b>   | 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 10:00 a.m. Worship<br>1:00 p.m. Blairsville Chamber Music Festival<br>Concert in our sanctuary |

## SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

June 23 ..... Adam Loucks  
July 7 ..... Betsy Holby  
July 21 ..... Angela Lyons  
August 4..... The Blairsville Brass

*\*Dates are still available for guest musicians*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Guest speakers scheduled for June are listed below.

10:00 a.m.	June 23 .....	Michael Renninger
Summer	June 30 .....	Donna Kanyan
Schedule	July 7 .....	Jerry Yound
	July 14.....	Lessons in Hymns

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