



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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July 21, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Barb Brown, 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

Cindy Borbonus, Pianist

Call to Worship

Leader: God's mercies never end; they're new every morning.

We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

People: We will sing our songs of praise.

We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Leader: Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go.

Trust God, even when we don't feel like singing.

People: We will commit all our ways to God.

We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.

Leader: By God's grace, we are gathered together for worship.

In God's love, we're no longer exiles and strangers.

People: We have been called together by the Holy Spirit.

We will treasure this special time

in this sacred space.

*Hymn # 106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, you abound in grace and mercy, and so we ask you to wash away our guilt and cleanse us from our sins. Our hearts are laid bare before you, Lord. You see us as no one else does. There's no way to hide the wrongs we have done. Our misdeeds constantly confront us. We know that we deserve your judgment, but we earnestly plead for your forgiveness. You alone can change us and

transform us. You alone can restore our joy. So create a pure heart within us, Lord. Have mercy on us, renew us, revive us, and heal our sin-sick souls. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

P: Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

***Gloria Patri**

***Sharing of the Peace**

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 90:1-12

Special Music

Angela Lyons

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon

“This Might Be YOUR Day!”

Donna Kanyan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music

Angela Lyons

***Affirmation 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.

*Hymn # 84 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
Presentation of the Offering
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn # 409 “God of Our Life”
*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, Donna Kanyan; Liturgist, Barb Brown; Special Music, Angela Lyons; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, John and Karen Kerin; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

WE WELCOME Donna Kanyan back to our pulpit this morning and thank her for joining us once again. Please be sure to greet Donna before you leave today.

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

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures today following worship. Please see Susie Cotti after the service.

GRANNIES will meet in the new Grannies Room Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. There are a variety of tasks to be done. For more information, please see Nancy Boone.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship.

THE DEACON'S KIDS CLOSET is open! Clothing sizes from newborn to young adult is being accepted. Donations for the Kids Closet will be received ongoing: please reach out to the deacons if you have any questions. Local Blairsville families in need should call the church office to set up an appointment to retrieve clothing needed for their children. Share the news!

I would like to thank my church family and friends for all your concern, cards, phone calls and especially your prayers for me before, during and after my surgery. I appreciate your care very much.

Elaine Jellison

WE ARE HOSTING 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.

KNOTWEED FESTIVAL: August 10, 2024

We are looking for volunteers to help plan/work the booth our church is sponsoring for this community event. There will be a table with a sunshade and we are planning to provide drinks, give aways, children's activities and a raffle. There will be a planning meeting/call scheduled for the week of July 14th. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Todd Faulk at 724-459-7991.

OFFICE HOURS this week will be different. The office will be closed Monday and Friday afternoon. The office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The exterior door locks have been changed. This measure was taken for security reasons only. Please note if you had a key, it will not work. New keys will only be distributed to those holding positions in the church with a need to access the building outside of office hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Terry Brown, Jim Antis or Todd Faulk. Limitations are being placed on the number of keys available for security reasons.

VOLUNTEERS to assist during the worship service are always needed. There are a variety of ways you can become involved as an assistant. Call the office if interested.

Greeter—welcome those coming in for worship and hand them a bulletin; answer questions like, “Can I sit anywhere?”

Liturgist—assist the minister, from the pulpit, by leading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and reading the first scripture

Audio-Visual Tech—after training, take your turn in rotation to run the sound and slides from the balcony during worship, and live-stream the service for those at home.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

July 28Matthew Cyphert
August 4The Blairsville Brass
August 18Abigail Bruner
September 1Nightengals
**Dates are still available for guest musicians*

LOOKING AHEAD

Guest speakers scheduled for July and August are listed below.

10:00 a.m.	July 28Morgan Kelly
Summer	August 4Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless
Schedule	August 11Rev. Arthur Dilg
	August 18Clark Bruner
	August 25Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless

WE HAVE SOME amazing news! Our Compassion Child, Samuel, recently graduated from the Compassion program! What's next for him? Hear from Samuel in his own words below.

Dear friends,

How are you doing beloved sponsor? How are you doing? My family and I are fine. I am preparing to attend the university because I did well in the national exam ending secondary school and scored the maximum possible points, meaning 60/60. I have been admitted to the University of Rwanda and I am still trying to meet some requirements so that I may start. Thank you for your love.

Sincerely, Samuel

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