



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 28, 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

“I Will Glory In the Cross”

Arr. Mercer

Pam Irwin, organist and Cindy Borbonus, pianist

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 145:10-18*)

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: And all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling

People: And raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: You open your hand,

People: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: The Lord is just and kind,

People: The Lord is near to all who call on God.

*Hymn # 546

“Built on the Rock”

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 145:10-18

Special Music

Matthew Cyphert

Gospel Lesson

John 6:1-21

Sermon

Rev. Morgan Kelly, Joshua 24

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music

Matthew Cyphert

*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. 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 # 131

"Surely the Presence"

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 # 575 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

(Worship helps by Roger Gench and the Presbyterian Outlook)

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. Morgan Kelly; Liturgist, Todd Faulk; Special Music, Matthew Cyphert; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad; and Property Manager, Kim McKinney.

WE WELCOME Rev. Morgan Kelly to our pulpit this morning and are thankful for the message. Please be sure to greet Morgan before you leave today.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Russ Harvey, Sr. by Sue Harvey and family.

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!

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. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Todd Faulk.

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.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

July 28.....Matthew Cyphert
August 4.....The Blairsville Brass
August 18Abigail Bruner
September 1.....Nightengals

**Dates are still available for guest musicians*

LOOKING AHEAD

Guest speakers scheduled for July and August are listed below.

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