



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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August 11, 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

“I Will Glory In the Cross”

Arr. Mercer

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*from John 6:35*)

Leader: Jesus says, “I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**People: Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty,
grateful for the sustenance you provide.**

*Hymn # 559

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Prayer of Confession

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lessons

I Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-10

Special Music

“More”

Arr. Mercer

Gospel Lesson

John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon

“Bread In the Journey”

The Rev. Arthur Dilg

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. 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 # 699

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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 # 372

“I Then Shall Live”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

(Worship helps written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided by 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. Arthur Dilg; 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, Bob Cosharek.

WE WELCOME Rev. Arthur Dilg to our pulpit this morning and are thankful for his message. Please be sure to greet him before you leave today.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of the McKinney family by Ron and Kim McKinney.

GRANNIES will meet in the 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 FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville Borough.

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 available to families in the River Valley School District. If you know of a family in need, ask them to call the church office to schedule an appointment. Donations for the Kids Closet of sizes from newborn to young adult will be received ongoing. Please reach out to the deacons if you have any questions. Share the news!

DURING the month of August, the Deacons will be collecting paper products for the Alice Paul House. The Deacons have supported this mission for women (and their children) of domestic abuse for many years. Items needed include: paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, hand wipes and cleaning wipes. Please leave your donations in the Deacon's box in the back of the sanctuary.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by members of the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Linda George or the church office at 724-459-7991. Communication is important during this time of transition to a new pastor. Please do not hesitate to call with your prayer needs.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will begin Wednesday rehearsals on September 4th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We would love to have new voices join the choir! Many of our seasoned members will not be with us this fall. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus. The only requirement is to enjoy making a joyful noise unto the Lord. All are welcome!

OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE begins Sunday, September 8th. The worship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and our Chancel Choir will be back in worship with us. Our plans for Sunday School continue to be discussed. Please watch your weekly bulletins for updates.

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