

Let us be
grateful for
receiving a
Kingdom
that cannot
be shaken.

HEBREWS 12:28, 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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August 25, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dianna Messenger, Liturgist

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

PNC Update

Todd Faulk, Elder

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: We worship the God we know in Jesus Christ.

**People: God, we come to confess our sin
and celebrate your faithful love.**

Leader: Help us to hear your word for our living, Oh God.

People: Draw us closer to you through our worship.

Leader: Let us worship God in grateful giving
of ourselves to God.

People: We are your people, Oh God.

**Let our worship live on in our living
so that all can see that Jesus is our Lord.**

*Hymn # 59 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Call to Confession and Silent Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, who has given us Jesus the Christ, we admit that we have fallen short of your call to serve you. We have not seen some of the needs of people around us in our neighborhoods and in our church. We have used all manner of excuses for our lack of faithfulness. We have not loved as you would have us love. We have not lived our faith in all of our living. We need your forgiving love. We need to learn from Jesus what it is to trust you in all things. All of this we ask so that we might love more deeply and live more faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn Insert

“The Voice of God Is Calling”

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Send Your Love (Out to the World)”

Arr. R. Craig

*(*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, the Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless; Special Music, Laurel Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Intl.; Liturgist, Dianna Messenger; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad; and Property Manager, Kim McKinney.

WE WELCOME Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless back to our pulpit this morning and are thankful for his message. Rev. Wanless is a retired Methodist minister who was with us earlier this month. 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 John and Grace Kijowski by the Moran Family.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC today is provided by the Laurel Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Intl. under the direction of Vicky Westley. They rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the lower-level social hall at the Trinity United Church of Christ located at 139 N. Main Street, Greensburg, PA and always welcome interested singers. They sing 4-part acapella harmony and have a part for all vocal ranges. You're invited to visit!

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.

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

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th immediately following worship to vote on the acceptance of Rev. John Manon as pastor of the church and on the Terms of Call for 2024.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is also scheduled for Sunday, September 29th immediately following worship to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2025 Terms of Call.

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.

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 Christian Education opportunities continue to be discussed.

DURING the month of September, the Deacons will be collecting food items to replenish the Deacon Pantry. The following items are needed: peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, instant potatoes, complete pancake mix, syrup and breakfast cereal. Please leave your donations in the Deacon's box in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

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.

A “RING FOR FUN WORKSHOP” for youth and adults is planned for Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room in the second floor above Fellowship Hall. Additional ringers are needed for our Handbell Choir. Rehearsals will then begin Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room. Please contact Vicky Westley for more information.

A SECOND MOVIE NIGHT will be held in Fellowship Hall Saturday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. The movie will be “Samson” produced by Sight & Sound Theatre. Popcorn and drinks will be served. A basket for donations will be available for those who wish to donate to defray expenses. Plan now to come and enjoy!

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. Please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of Sunday dates. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

CHRISTMAS is right around the corner and as a reminder, Keepsake Ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge are available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. They make wonderful gifts. Please see Linda George or call the church office.

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