



I led them
with
cords
of
kindness,
with the
bands
of
love.

Hosea 11:4, 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 4, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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

“O Worship the King”
The Blairsville Brass

Arr. Jeff Anderson

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 149*)

Leader: Praise the Lord and sing a new song to our God.

**People: Let the church celebrate our God
and sing God’s praise in worship!**

Leader: Let us all celebrate God’s love and creation.

People: Let us celebrate with our whole being!

Leader: Let us worship God in truth and hope.

**People: We are God’s people. Let our joy and hope abound.
Let our worship touch all of our living.
Praise be to God.**

*Hymn # 136 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Call to Confession and Silent Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God who has come to us in Jesus the Christ, we have sinned and fallen short in our living. Sometimes we have put our opinions before your call on our lives and living. Forgive us for being more willing to judge than listen, more willing to exclude those who are different than include them. Sometimes we have tried to shape your truth and not listened for your truth. Forgive us so that we can be more loving and faithful. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music "Fortress of God"

Arr. Alan Moss

Old Testament Lesson

Hosea 11:1-11

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

"The Cost of Greed"

The Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music "Evening Prayer from 'Hansel and Gretel'"

Arr. Wuopio

*Affirmation of Faith (*from Romans 8:35, 37-39*)

Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? "No"

But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. We are convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

We affirm this truth in Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Hymn # 87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Insert

“This Is My Song”

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Rondeau”

By Jean-Joseph Mouret

*(*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, Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless; Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Special Music, the Blairsville Brass; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Brylea Borbonus and John Bruner; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

WE WELCOME Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless to our pulpit this morning and are thankful for his message. He was born and raised in Wisconsin. Ron was called into ministry and started seminary in 1969. He graduated with a Doctor of Ministry degree in Biblical Studies and Social Ethics from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1978. In 1970, he married his wife, Katherine. They have two children, seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Ron became fully ordained in 1974. He transferred from Wisconsin to the Western Pennsylvania Conference in 1987 to become the Director of Communications for the conference. Ron has served churches in PA from 1991 thru 2012 when he retired. 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 loved ones by Gene and Chery Artman.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

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!

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.

OFFICE HOURS this week are:

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

COMPASSION NEWS:

We are sponsoring a new Compassion Child, Bertin! He lives in Rwanda, Africa near Ngororero and speaks Kinyarwanda. Bertin lives with his mother. She is sometimes employed as a farmer. Bertin helps by caring for the animals, carrying water, cleaning around the home, running errands and washing clothes. His house is made of tile and mud. At his Compassion Center, he enjoys learning about God, listening to Bible stories, playing sports and participating in dance and drama programs. Poverty exists in many forms – physical, spiritual and emotional. As Bertin's sponsor we will come alongside him and champion his journey toward the bright future God has in store for him.

KNOTWEED FESTIVAL: August 10, 2024

Our church plans to join the community at the annual Knotweed Festival. We will have a table with a sunshade and 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.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

August 4The Blairsville Brass

August 18Abigail Bruner

September 1Nightengals

**Dates are still available for guest musicians*

LOOKING AHEAD

Guest speakers scheduled for August are listed below.

10:00 a.m. August 4Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless

Summer August 11Rev. Arthur Dilg

Schedule August 18Clark Bruner

August 25Rev. Dr. Ron Wanless

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