



I will *praise*
the name
of *God*

with a song, and will
magnify him

with
Thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30, NKJV



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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September 1, 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

Music Moment

Vicky Westley

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude “I Believe in Miracles” Arr. Mercer
Organ and Piano Duet

Introit “Surely the Presence” Arr. Schrader
The Nightengals

Call to Worship (*Psalm 98, NRSV*)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praise.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
and the sound of melody.

People: With trumpet and the sound of the horn,

All: Make a joyful noise before the King, our God.

*Hymn

*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we
forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you
our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lessons

Psalm 68:4, 24; Psalm 84:2, 4;
Psalm 101:1; Psalm 104:33

First Hymn Story

Special Music

“Redeemer”

Arr. Sorenson

Second Hymn Story

New Testament Lessons

I Corinthians 14:15; Colossians 3:16;
Revelation 5:11; Revelation 15:3

Hymn

Third Hymn Story

Hymn

Fourth Hymn Story

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Psalm 23, The Message)

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

*Hymn

Song of Preparation

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

Arr. Schrader

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

*Hymn

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

*Benediction

(Psalm 150, CEV)

L: Shout praises to the Lord! Praise God in his temple.
Praise him in heaven, his mighty fortress.

**P: Praise our God! His deeds are wonderful,
too marvelous to describe.**

L: Praise God with trumpets and all kinds of harps.

**P: Praise him with tambourines and dancing,
with stringed instruments and woodwinds.**

L: Praise God with cymbals, with clashing cymbals.

**P: Let every living creature praise the Lord.
Sing and shout praises to the Lord!**

Choral Benediction

"I Will Sing"

Arr. Parks

*(*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 Special Music, the Nightengals; Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Brylea Borbonus and John Kerin; and Property Manager, Gene Artman.

WE THANK Cindy Borbonus for coordinating this morning's service, "Lessons in Hymns." You will have several opportunities during worship to request your favorite song. Take time before the service to look through your hymnal to find yours and the page number.

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

A "RING FOR FUN WORKSHOP" for youth and adults is planned for Wednesday 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.

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.

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

A MEET AND GREET RECEPTION with Rev. John Manon is planned for Saturday, September 7th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for coffee, cookies and conversation. Rev. Manon will lead our worship on Sunday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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.

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.

A TIME OF REFRESHMENT AND FELLOWSHIP will begin next Sunday at 10:15 a.m. We hope you will join us as we gather in Fellowship Hall and enjoy some cookies, coffee or tea and fellowship before worship. All are welcome!

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, canned green beans, instant potatoes, complete pancake mix, syrup and breakfast cereal. Please leave your donations in the Deacon's box in the back of the sanctuary.

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!

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!

