



I love the house where you live,
O LORD, the place
where your glory dwells.

Psalm 26:8, NIV

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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October 4, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Austin Baker, Acolyte

Introit # 549

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

*I love your kingdom, Lord, the house of your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 26*)

Leader: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**People: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

Leader: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

**People: Redeem me, and be gracious to me.
My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

*Hymn # 82

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*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

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (pg. 455 of OT)

Anthem *“Jesus at Your Holy Table”*

Betsy Holby, flute

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (pg. 218 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 123 “*Fairest Lord Jesus*”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors...")

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 106 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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 church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are 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 Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Acolyte, Austin Baker; Ushers, Nancy Boone, Kim, Shakira and Ron McKinney; Projection, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Kevin and Lori Smith.

THE ELDERS will meet briefly following worship today. Please gather in the parlor.

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING replaces the Peacemaking Offering. This new offering is to have a greater global reach, a more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ. We will receive gifts toward this offering today and next Sunday. A portion of this offering (25%) is designated by our local congregation to a program that promotes healing and reconciliation. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE has begun to work on the 2016 budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin looking at your numbers for next year and have your budget numbers submitted by Thursday, October 15th. A preliminary budget will be prepared for the October 20th Session meeting.

The Blairsville Ministerium will meet Friday, October 9th at 11:00 a.m.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Shirley McLaughlin.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor vaccination clinics at the Blairsville Community Center October 21, November 18 and December 16 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. You are eligible for vaccines at low or no cost if you are underinsured or uninsured. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, October 6th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residency in the borough.

Thank you, to all those who sent cards and well wishes on my 10 year anniversary at the church. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and look forward to another year ahead.

Sandy Duffey

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE would like any volunteers to join them for outside weeding and shrub trimming on Monday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. The Boy Scouts have offered to help collect the trimmings.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE CHILDREN'S FALL FUN FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, October 10th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be pumpkin decorating, games, story, crafts and food. There is still time to register. Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. They have invited Jim Burd, a former resident of Blairsville and brother-in-law of Peg Lockard, to present on the topic of the Packsaddle Gap. The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN TO CHILDREN COAT COLLECTION will continue throughout the month of October. If you have children's coats that are gently used and would like to donate them to other children, please bring them to the church Mondays 9:00 - 12:00 noon or Fridays 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. We will also receive monetary donations and purchase coats. Please mark your gifts "coats". Thank you.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up for your choice of dates. There are still dates available. Our deacons thank you for your ministry as an usher/greeter.

CHOIR REHEARSALS have begun Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please see Cindy Borbonus, director or any choir member. We will begin rehearsing special music for the holidays. If you are interested in participating during this time, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

OUR BELL CHOIR will start rehearsals Wednesday, October, 7th at 6:00 p.m. We still need ringers for our lower octaves. We would love to have you join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program the week of October 18-25. Many hands are needed to complete the tasks that go along with being a host church. If you would like to become involved with this ministry, please see Gene Artman or Pastor Monroe.

Mission Moment – *World Communion/Peace & Global Witness*

Offering

Every day we hear about the different crises around the world. Along the southern US border, hundreds of children are taking unfathomable risks by journeying—often alone—to reach our border. Central American families fear for their lives and the safety of their children, as many are targets of gang recruitment, violence, or both. In South Sudan, violence levels are so extreme that many peace advocates have questioned whether working in the area is worth the effort. In the Holy Land, the problems are complex—contested borders, occupation, blockades, security concerns, failed negotiations, terrorism, and refugees. We live in a critical time, as we are given the opportunity to heed the call for justice and peace. As Presbyterians, we will continue to engage in nonviolent actions to help bring about reconciliation. God calls us to embrace nonviolence as our fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war; and to identify, explore, and nurture new approaches to active peacemaking. Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering will help strengthen peacebuilding efforts around the world and bring witness through Jesus Christ in troubled places like Central America, South Sudan, and even the Holy Land.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion <i>Peace & Global Witness Offering</i>
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting with guest speaker, Jim Burd
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Blairsville Ministerium Meeting
Saturday	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Children's Fall Fun Fest
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