



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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June 14, 2015 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Gene Artman, 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

Organ & Piano Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Olivia Eckenroad, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalm 20*)

Leader: May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**People: May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfil all your plans.**

Leader: May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the Lord fulfil all your petitions.

**People: Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven.**

Leader: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,

People: but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

**All: Give victory to the king, O Lord;
answer us when we call.**

*Hymn # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

*Prayer of Confession

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We judge by outward appearances, but you see what is in our hearts. We look down on small things, but you know how they will grow. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in the vision of your word and the promise of a new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

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| New Testament Lesson | II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 (pg. 181 of NT) |
| Special Music | Organ & Piano Duet |
| Gospel Lesson | Mark 4:26-34 (pg. 38 of NT) |
| Sermon | Rev. Timothy R. Monroe |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

(Apostles' Creed)

*Hymn # 721 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Organ & Piano Duet

*Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Hymn # 341

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*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 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, Gene Artman; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Ushers, Nancy Campbell, Velma Crawford, Judy Trimble and Paul Soltesz; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Choir Director, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Elaine Jellison.

THE ELDERS will meet briefly today following worship for a Special Session Meeting regarding the proposed overture.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures next Sunday following worship. Please see Kim McKinney or Beverly Lindsey to have your numbers checked.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will begin tomorrow evening and run through Friday evening. Children ages preschool (must be potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to a week of fun, learning, games, music and so much more at “Hometown Nazareth!” A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. following by the opening at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Each evening will conclude in the sanctuary at 8:30 p.m. For more information, see Jen Borbonus.

OUR SESSION has set up a meeting to learn more about The Fellowship Community. It is a new ministry whose aim is to bring together like-minded congregations who seek to be faithful to God's Word. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall Thursday, July 2 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Ralph Hawkins will be here to share information and answer questions. The gathering is open to anyone from the congregation who wants to learn more about this opportunity.

THE NURSERY will be unavailable today and next Sunday. Volunteers are needed on a rotating basis to stay with children during the worship hour. If you are interested in ministering in this area, please see Deb Lint. Training and child care clearances are necessary and will be provided.

GUEST MUSICIANS are being invited to come and share their talents with us during worship. Our Chancel Choir is taking a recess during the summer months. If you or someone you know would like to share musical gifts, please contact Cindy Borbonus with your suggestions or for more information.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE has been busy seeking a contractor to install carpeting in the sanctuary. After reviewing bids and checking references, an installer has been selected. The cost of the carpet and installation will be \$18,995. If you would like to contribute toward this cost, please mark your gift "Carpet Project." Thank you for your support.

THERE HAVE BEEN many dishes left in the church kitchen after various events. They have been brought to the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to look through them and see if any belong to you.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor a vaccination clinic at the Blairsville Community Center. Several dates are planned: June 17, July 15, and August 19 from 9:45 – 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 is looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to pick up bread donations. The donations are local and would need picked up and delivered to the church each Tuesday except distribution day. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Chery Artman.

JUST A REMINDER, our church kitchen has an Eating and Drinking License from the Department of Agriculture. This requires that no wet dish cloths or towels be left in the kitchen to dry. There is a drying rack in the table storage room for this purpose. Also, it is required that the counters and other surfaces be cleaned with a sanitizing solution after every use. The materials to make the solution and the directions on how to make it are on the counter in the kitchen.

IF YOU NOTICE something that needs fixed, please refer the matter to the Property & Maintenance Committee. Either place a note in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. The secretary will forward the concern to the chair of the committee. Please be very specific as to what the problem is, so that the issue can be handled.



Mission Moment – Disability Inclusion

For the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. (1 Sam. 16:7b)

God gives growth in unexpected ways. This is the message of today's Gospel reading (Mark 4:26–34), an apt reminder for Disability Inclusion Sunday. The verse above reminds us also that God sees potential and that we often don't.

The two boys pictured on this page find social interaction challenging. Who would predict that they could develop a friendship and walk with their arms around each other? Often we assume that a disability presents an insurmountable barrier to the development of certain skills. But there is a power in relationship with others that has a way of breaking down any barriers. There are strengths we fail to see or recognize until we risk relationship with another. Indeed, we grow in our understanding of reality as we appreciate the perspectives of others—especially those most different from ourselves—and walk with them.

At First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Michigan, these two boys are part of a growing community that recognizes the gifts of every member. It seeks to nourish and to encourage the growth God provides by acknowledging that every person has an essential role in building up the body of Christ to the glory of God.

—Rev. Dr. Ernest F. Krug III: parish associate, First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Michigan; member of Presbyterians for Disability Concerns, a network of the Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Association

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

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| Today | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| Monday | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School |
| Tuesday | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School |
| Wednesday | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School |
| Thursday | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School |
| Friday | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School |
| Sunday, | 10:00 a.m. | VBS Worship |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Blood Pressure checks |