



Therefore, since we are
justified
by faith,
we have
peace
with God
through our Lord
Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1, NRSV

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 18, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

"Westminster Chimes"

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 John Clark Bruner, Acolyte

Introit *"Song of Joy"*
Arr. Arnold Sherman

Call to Worship (*Psalms 116*)

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice
and my supplications.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Arr. Kevin McChesney

*Hymn # 71 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) (pg. 14 of OT)
Anthem	<i>"Thy Word"</i>
	Arr. Susan E. Greshke
New Testament Lesson	Romans 5:1-8 (pg. 155 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, and exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn # 261 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory *"Canticle of Praise"*
Arr. Kevin McChesney

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
 *Hymn # 426 *"Blessed Assurance"*
 *Benediction
 *Response *"The Lord's Blessing"*
Arr. Linda L. Lamb
 *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.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Acolyte, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, Tom & Janet Smith and Ron & Janelle Hood; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Special Music, our Bell Choir; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; 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 Mary Anzelone.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the men of the church who encourage us in our faith!

IT'S HERE! Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow evening at 5:30 p.m. for those who would like to share a light meal. At 6:00 p.m. the opening will be held in the sanctuary followed by an evening of fun and learning. Registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see Cindy or Jen Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, June 20th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

COLD? BLANKETS are available in the pews courtesy of the Grannies. If there is not one in your seat, borrow from another. At the end of worship, please refold and leave in the pew.

A PENN STATE EXTENSION Day Camp is scheduled for July 11-13 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The theme this year is "Ruffle Your Feathers!" Have you ever wanted to learn more about the birds around you? Kids ages 7-12 are invited to attend and find out lots of interesting facts about birds. For more information or to register, forms are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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 Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only, at the Blairsville Community Center. Dates and times are June 21, July 19 and August 16 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

DAN SCHALL will be in concert at the Shelocta Community Presbyterian Church Saturday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to a covered dish picnic that will be held at 6:00 p.m. The concert will follow the picnic.

GUEST MUSICIANS are being scheduled to share their musical talent during worship. If you or someone you know would be willing to share with us, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

Special Musicians Schedule

June 25.....	VBS Kids
July 2	tba
July 9	tba
July 16	Nightengals

A BIG THANK YOU, to all who have been saving coupons for veterans. As of the end of May, we are over the \$50,000 mark! When saving your coupons, remember the program allows up to one month expired. If possible, please cut coupons and separate into food and non-food bundles. Please, no staples. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary to place the coupons in marked "Coupons for Veterans." If you have any questions, please see Erica Ash or Ellen Williams.

VBS SUNDAY will be held June 25th. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. and will include the children who attended our Vacation Bible School. They will share with us about their week. Following worship, a Festival will be held in Fellowship Hall and the church yard. There will be food, games and lots of fellowship. We hope you will plan to attend.



Vacation Bible School

June 19— 23

6:00— 8:15 p.m.

Optional light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Ages 3 years (potty trained) - 5th grade this year

Each day in VBS we will learn many new things! We will hear Bible stories, sing songs, play fun games, create cool crafts and more. Please use the bulletin insert to register your child/ren.

For more information, please see Cindy or Jen Borbonus or call the church office.

A VBS Program will be presented during worship Sunday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m. A Festival will be held immediately following in Fellowship Hall and the church yard. There will be games, prizes, food and fun!

IF YOU HAVE ADMIRERD the flag display at the cemetery and would like to help, the Veterans Flag Committee invites you to join them. All help is welcomed and appreciated. For Independence Day, poles and flags will be put up Monday, July 3rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. They will be taken down Thursday, July 6th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship <i>Father's Day</i>
Monday	5:30 p.m.	VBS Meal
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Opening
Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	5:30 p.m.	VBS Meal
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Opening
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	VBS Meal
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Opening
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC
	5:30 p.m.	VBS Meal
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Opening
Friday	5:30 p.m.	VBS Meal
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Opening
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	VBS Worship
	11:00 a.m.	VBS Festival