



HOW WIDE AND LONG  
AND HIGH AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

**EPHESIANS 3:18, 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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July 17, 2016 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Bonni Dunlap, 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

Call to Worship (*Proverbs 3*)

Leader: My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;

**People: For length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.**

Leader: Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

**People: So you will find favor and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.

**People: In all your ways acknowledge him  
and he will make straight your paths.**

\*Hymn Insert      *“Standing in the Need of Prayer”*

\*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

Gospel Lesson	Matthew 28:18-20 (pg. 34 of NT)
Anthem	<i>"Grace Alone"</i> Randy Doak
New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 3:14-21 (pg. 193 of NT)
Sermon	"Stand in the Gap" Clark Bruner

## 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.**

\*Hymn # 583 *"You Call Us, Lord"*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory *"Amazing Grace"* Randy Doak

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 562 *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

*(\*All who are able, please stand.)*

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bonni Dunlap; Ushers, Elaine Jellison, Joanne Torrance, Paul Soltesz and Mary Anzelone; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex Baker; Guest Musician, Randy Doak; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

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 FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Naomi Sigafoes.

WE THANK Clark Bruner for filling our pulpit this morning. Please be sure to greet Clark and his family before you leave.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE would like you to save the dates...July 31<sup>st</sup> immediately following worship, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall and the church yard for a church picnic. The day will include baseball, hotdogs and an Apple Pie Contest. RSVP's are not necessary however we would like to know if you're participating in the pie contest. Please use the insert to let us know.

THEN ON August 20<sup>th</sup>, "Out of Sync," a fun night of singing and joyful noises will entertain us. You won't want to miss it...but you might if there is not enough interest. Please let us know if you plan to entertain or just attend for the fun.

THE CARPETING in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are scheduled to be cleaned Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Please plan your visits to the church another day. Thank you.

THE OFFICIAL "Assembly in Brief" was made available to you last Sunday in your bulletin. Extra copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a look at the happenings at the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Monroe.

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. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will provide vaccinations for those underinsured or uninsured from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. at the Blairsville Community Center, July 20 and August 17. The vaccines are by appointment only. Please call 724-357-2995 to schedule an appointment.

THE FOOD BANK workers are looking for grocery store plastic bags such as Walmart bags, Giant Eagle bags, etc. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary for your donations.

FAMILY NATURE PALOOZA will be held Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Blue Spruce Park. The day will be filled with live animals, hiking, fishing, biking, nature crafts, demonstrations, mock camp-site, give-aways and lots more! These activities are best suited for children ages 8-13, but all ages are welcome to enjoy family time outside. Cost for the day is \$5 per family pre-registered or \$7 per family day of the event. To register or for more information call 724-463-8200 x4218, or online at [www.childrens advisorycommission.org](http://www.childrens advisorycommission.org).

SAVE THE DATE!! A trip is being planned to Sight & Sound Theater for the production of “Samson” on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster, PA. Show time is 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$146.00 for adults and \$93.00 for children. This price includes: Deluxe Coach Bus transportation with bathroom, your ticket to see Samson, all-you-can-eat Amish Family-style lunch at Hershey Farms and a continental breakfast on the bus. There is a payment plan available. If you are interested, please contact Vickie Baxter for more details or to sign up at [vickiestours@gmail.com](mailto:vickiestours@gmail.com) or at 724-248-3546.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS are being offered through the Financial Literacy Collaboration. Do you run out of money before you run out of month? Attend an interactive and free workshop for help. Dates, times and place are listed.

August 10 .....	5:45-8:30 pm .....	ICCAP Office
September 14 .....	8:45-12:15 pm .....	PA Careerlink Bldg.
October 12 .....	8:45-12:15 pm .....	PA Careerlink Bldg.
November 9 .....	5:45-8:30 pm .....	ICCAP Office
December 14 .....	12:45-3:30 pm .....	PA Careerlink Bldg.

## SUMMER MUSICIANS

July 17 .....	Randy Doak
July 31 .....	Danielle Cyphert
August 7 .....	Angela Lyons
August 14 .....	Henry Foder
August 21 .....	Betsy Holby
August 28 .....	Adam Loucks
September 4 .....	Sarah Noone

## MISSION MOMENT- *Small-Membership Churches*

The membership of our congregation, First Presbyterian Church in McComb, Ohio, is drawn from the village and nearby farms. We believe that God has planted his church in McComb and so focus our service here. Four years ago, after a period of prayer and discernment, we launched an after-school outreach program for children in the local school. The purpose of Lift Off was to help children explore their creativity, soar into self-confidence, build relationships and see life in a different dimension. Lift Off has grown from 17 to over 50 children each week. When its human resources were stretched to the limit, people from the community answered the call for help. Some came from other churches, while others were parents of children who had passed through the program; they wanted to help bring to others the same experience their children had loved. God has opened other opportunities for service in the community. We have begun a Latino ministry that encourages self-development by building English skills and addresses other needs as they arise in the community. Size is no limit when the Holy Spirit is empowering our imagination and equipping us with resources. Small-member churches can make a great impact wherever they are placed.

*Janeane Hopkins, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, McComb, Ohio*

## SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Clark Bruner
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall & sanctuary carpets to be cleaned
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship