

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

July 19, 2015 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Terry Brown, 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

Cindy Borbonus, Pianist

Lighting of the Candles

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalm 89*)

Leader: The Lord says, "I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;
my hand shall always remain with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.

**People: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.**

Leader: Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,
and my covenant with him will stand firm.

**People: I will establish his line forever,
and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

*Hymn # 72

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*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.**

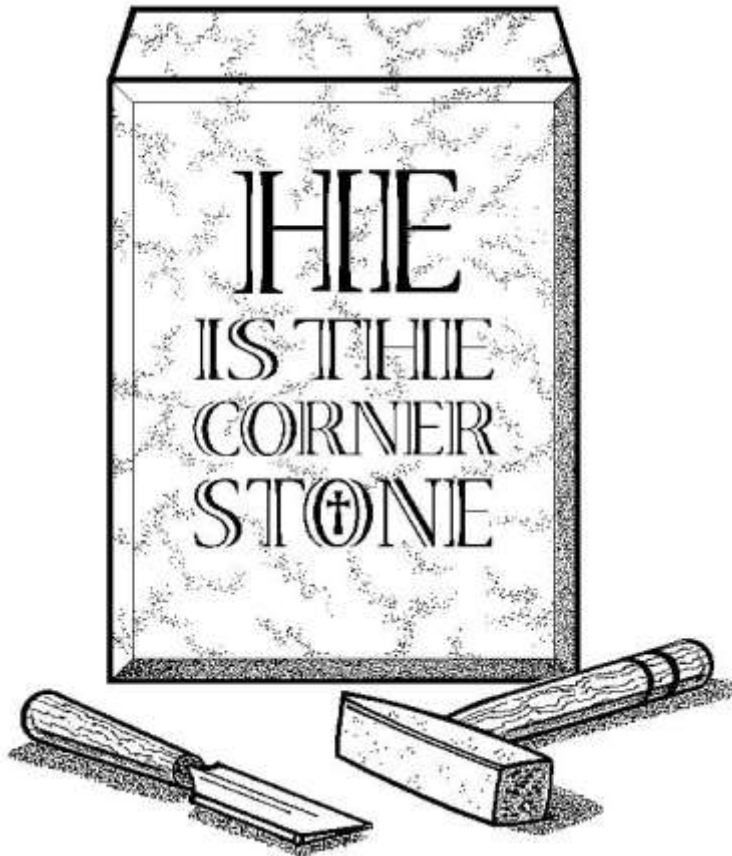
*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Sacrament of Baptism

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints



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*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	II Samuel 7:1-14a (pg. 281 of OT)
Special Music	Henry Foder
New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 2:11-22 (pg. 192 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. *(The Confession of 1967)*

*Hymn # 544 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Henry Foder

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 549 *"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"*

*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, Terry Brown; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Bill & Vicky Westley, Judy Trimble and Janeen Swope; Projection, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Guest Musician, Henry Foder; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of grandparents by Bonni Dunlap.

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THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Lilith Marie Penich, daughter of Ryan Talamantes and Sarah Marie Penich, is baptized into Christ and the family of faith.

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

INSTALLATION of the new sanctuary carpet will begin tomorrow. Worship next Sunday, July 26 will be held in Fellowship Hall to allow for the completion of the installation. If you would like to contribute toward this cost, please mark your gift "Carpet Project." The property committee appreciates your support.

WE WELCOME families in the Family Promise Program to our church this week. Many volunteers are needed for a successful week. If you are interested in helping, contact Gene Artman or 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.

THE AUGUST ISSUE of the UPLIFT Newsletter will be mailed soon. If you have any news to be shared in this edition, please have it to the office by Wednesday, July 22nd.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor a vaccination clinic at the Blairsville Community Center 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 SESSION will meet Tuesday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Information packets for the meeting are available to be picked up from the parlor.

THE SECRETARY will be on vacation from July 30th – August 7th. Announcements for the August 2nd and 9th bulletins should be into the office by Monday, July 27th.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

GUEST MUSICIANS are being invited to come and share their talents with us during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share musical gifts, please contact Cindy Borbonus with your suggestions or for more information. The schedule to date is listed.

Today.....Henry Foder
July 26 Sarah Noone
August 9Angela Lyons
August 16 Jessica Clayton

HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH will host Vacation Bible School beginning today through Thursday, July 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The theme is “Sky: Everything is Possible with God.” Students from preschool up to and including those going into sixth grade are welcome.

Mission Moment – Smaller Membership Church

As we lift up small-membership churches today, let us remember God’s promise to David: “I will provide a place for my people . . . ; I will plant them there” (2 Sam. 7:10 JB). The membership of our congregation, First Presbyterian Church in McComb, Ohio, is drawn from the village and nearby rural 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 experiences 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 planted.

—Janeane Hopkins, commissioned ruling elder, First Presbyterian Church, McComb, Ohio

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure checks Family Promise Program begins
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Sanctuary carpet installation begins Family Promise guests are with us
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
		Family Promise guests are with us
Wednesday		Family Promise guests are with us
Thursday		Family Promise guests are with us
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall
		Family Promise guests are with us
Saturday		Family Promise guests are with us
		Family Promise guests are with us
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Fellowship Hall Family Promise Program concludes