



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 23, 2017 ~ 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

Olivia Eckenroad, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalms 139*)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**People: You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

**People: See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

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

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.
You have claimed us as beloved children, but we forget that we
belong to you alone. You have given us the Spirit of freedom,
but we fall back into the spirit of fear. Forgive us; restore and
reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us
bear good fruit in the Spirit and a sign of your new creation, to
the glory of your holy name.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson	Romans 8:12-25 (pg. 158 of NT)
Special Music	Sarah Noone
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (pg. 14 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 84)*
How is the kingdom of heaven opened and shut by the preaching of the holy gospel?
In this way: The kingdom of heaven is opened when it is proclaimed and openly testified to believers, one and all, according to the command of Christ, that as often as they accept the promise of the gospel with true faith all their sins are truly forgiven them by God for the sake of Christ's gracious work. On the contrary, the wrath of God and eternal condemnation fall upon all unbelievers and hypocrites as long as they do not repent. It is according to this witness of the gospel that God will judge the one and the other in this life and in the life to come.

*Hymn # 426 *"Blessed Assurance"*
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
Offertory Sarah Noone
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn # 721 *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*
*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, Bonni Dunlap; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Special Music, Sarah Noone; Ushers, Bonni Dunlap, Kristi Eckenroad, Naomi Sigafoes and Judy Trimble; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; 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 James Bence by Ed Bence.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, July 25th 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.

YOUTH GROUP will meet Tuesday, July 25th from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the church. Please see Jen Borbonus for more information.

WIC will meet with clients in Fellowship Hall Thursday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning Sunday, July 30th through Sunday, August 6th. There are many tasks to be taken care of throughout the week. If you are interested in volunteering to help in this homeless ministry, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

INDIANA COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL BASH will be held Saturday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in downtown Indiana. Eligibility is based on income. For more information or to register, call 724-463-8036 Monday-Friday, July 10-28 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

GUEST MUSICIANS are 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

Today	Sarah Noone
July 30.....	Randy Doak
August 6.....	Betsy Holby
August 13.....	Adam Loucks

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. Date and times are 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.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, July 31st from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING will be held in Fellowship Hall Thursday, August 17th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The training will cover church-specific scenarios. This 3 hour workshop will provide the required training in a format that will make sense to your situation as a church Elder, Deacon, VBS volunteer, Sunday School teacher/helper, staff or Pastor. Please register with Jill at 724-459-7991 or upchurch@r-church.com

VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist residents of St. Andrew's Village. The third Monday of each month is shopping day at Walmart. Volunteers are needed to help push wheelchairs through the store as residents shop. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office. Thank you.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Clarksburg will host our guests from Rwanda September 12, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Rev. Celestin Nsengimana and Rose Marie Ibyashaka will be the guest speakers. The presentation is entitled, "The Rwanda Experience: Peace and Reconciliation in an Angry World." Dinner will be served immediately following. If you would like to attend, please register by calling the church office 724-459-7991 or the presbytery office 724-783-7196 by Friday, September 1st.

Mission Moment

Presbyterian Historical Society-A taste of the past

The Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) recently held its first outdoor fundraiser, welcoming more than 200 friends, visitors and volunteers to its newly renovated courtyard in Philadelphia's Society Hill neighborhood.

"Taste of History: The Boys Are Back in Town" featured food, drinks and fellowship in front of a building familiar to many church historians and other Presbyterian history enthusiasts — the society's 50-year-old headquarters at 425 Lombard St.

The returning "boys" were six terra-cotta statues representing early American Presbyterians — Francis Makemie, John Witherspoon, John McMillan, Samuel Davies, James Caldwell and Marcus Whitman. Designed by Alexander Stirling Calder in 1897, the statues were conserved throughout 2016 at the Philadelphia studios of Materials Conservation Co.

Guests enjoyed a ribbon-cutting toast, fare from local restaurants and beverage makers, a short program and a new in-house exhibit called "Presbyterians & the American Revolution." Beth Hessel, executive director of PHS, was master of ceremonies. Other speakers included Peter Haas, son of longtime volunteer John Haas; statue conservator John Carr; and J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Nelson's name is etched beside those of 19 other denominational leaders in Stated Clerks Square, a new brick patio overlooking the society's front steps and wheelchair-accessible ramp.

Through sponsorships, ticket sales, auctions and a raffle, Taste of History raised more than \$34,000. PC(USA) sponsors included the Board of Pensions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, the Office of the General Assembly and the Committee on the Office of General Assembly. PHS vendors and board directors also provided generous support.

The Presbyterian Historical Society is the national archives of the PC(USA). Founded in 1852, PHS collects, preserves and shares stories of the American Presbyterian experience.

For more information, call 215-627-1852 or email refdesk@history.pcusa.org.

We would like to thank you and the Presbyterian Church for the use of your Fellowship Hall for our meatloaf dinner. The Historical Society would also like to thank all those who helped with this event. Again, thank you!

*Cindy Hogue
Secretary HSBA*

THE CARPETS in Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary will be cleaned tomorrow, July 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Church carpets will be cleaned
Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
		Family Promise begins