



I PRAY
THAT YOU
MAY... KNOW
THE LOVE
OF CHRIST
THAT
SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE.

EPHESIANS 3:18-19, 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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July 26, 2015 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Heather Hartmann, 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, Pianist

Lighting of the Candles

Olivia Eckenroad, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalms 14*)

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

In them there is no one who does good.

**People: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.**

Leader: God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

**People: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires.
You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your
gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the
height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; 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

New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 3:14-21 (pg. 193 of NT)
Special Music	Sarah Noone
Gospel Lesson	John 6:1-21 (pg. 97 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

(The Heidelberg Catechism, Q1)

*Hymn *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...debts...and debtors”)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Sarah Noone

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *“How Firm a Foundation”*

*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, Heather Hartmann; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Ushers, Linda George, Judy Trimble, Joanne Torrance and Paul Soltesz; Audio, Alex Baker; Guest Musician, Sarah Noone; Pianist, 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 Dr. and Mrs. Petersen

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

INSTALLATION of the new sanctuary carpet continues this week. Worship next Sunday, August 2nd will be held in the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of this project, please mark your gift “Carpet Project.” Thank you for your support.

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

WIC meets with clients Thursday, July 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

OUR SECRETARY will be leaving for vacation Thursday, July 30th and will be back in the office Monday, August 10th. Volunteers will be covering the office during this time. Please call before you stop to be sure someone is here.

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

JOYFUL JAVA & MUSIC CAFÉ is held each Tuesday evening from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at the Koffee Shoppe in Blairsville. On Tuesday, August 11th the Nightengals will be the guest musicians. All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Christian music.

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 at 724-459-7914.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor a vaccination clinics at the Blairsville Community Center August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16 from 9:30 – 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.

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..... Sarah Noone
 August 2 Vicky Westley
 August 9 Angela Lyons
 August 16 Jessica Clayton
 August 23 Adam Loucks
 August 30 Nightengals
 September 6..... Dave Hiltabidle

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Fellowship Hall Family Promise concludes
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks

Mission Moment – Metropolitan/Urban Ministry

“Hey, mister, can I have one of those hot dogs? Are they free? Can I have more than one? Why are you giving all this food away? What’s your name? Can I help you cook?” Such was the barrage of questions from my new young friend, Trell, at our church’s annual Big Lunch event. You see, here in Rochester, New York, we take the actions of Jesus as seriously as his words. On several occasions, Jesus fed hungry people. So every summer on the first weekend in June, each of the 10 congregations in the consortium we call Urban Presbyterians Together invites its neighbors over for free food, fellowship, and fun. On this Saturday afternoon, I was working the grill, serving hot dogs and hamburgers. That’s when Trell showed up. After his barrage of questions, I let him help me. For the next two hours, Trell helped me turn hot dogs and flip hamburgers; he helped me serve food to all our neighbors. As we talked about basketball, school, family, and living in the city, Trell and I worked together. He was so excited to help. He told me, with that big smile, how good it was to give these hungry people something to eat: “I know what it’s like to be hungry, so this is cool.”

It’s interesting that in John 6 Jesus doesn’t do any preaching. He just feeds hungry people. Through his actions, others see his heart and want to follow him. One of the major tasks of our urban congregations is to be good neighbors. Often that means just being a servant and making sure people are fed. May God bless us and all urban ministries as we try to follow Jesus’ example.

—Tedd Pullano: pastor, New Life Presbyterian Church, Rochester, New York; convener, Urban Presbyterians Together