



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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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 Echenroad, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalms 111*)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

*Hymn # 50

"Great Is the Lord"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
You bestow the gift of wisdom, yet we continue in our foolishness.
You provide the bread of life, yet we persist in the ways of death.
Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to make better use of the lives
you have given us, giving glory to you in all things; 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 5:15-20 (pg. 194 of NT)
Special Music	Janet Altman
Gospel Lesson	John 6:51-58 (pg. 98 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

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. *(Apostles' Creed)*

*Hymn # 90 *"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Janet Altman

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 502 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*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; Ushers, Kristi Eckenroad, Naomi Sigafoes, Julia Holby and Tom Holby; Projection, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Guest Musician, Janet Aultman; 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 Deb's mother by Deb and Bill Lint.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures today following worship. Please see Kim McKinney or Beverly Lindsey.

THE REV. STEVE AND BRENDA STELLE, missionaries we support in Ethiopia, are back in the U.S. for two months sharing stories of their work there. They will be speaking at the Sandy Lake Presbyterian Church in Mercer Tuesday, August 18th at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to go and hear them, please let Pastor Monroe know.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND will perform Thursday, August 20th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Tractor Supply parking lot. Bring a chair with you and enjoy a time of music and fellowship.

A CHOIR PICNIC is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Borbonus Farm. Any choir members, new or old, or anyone interested in joining the choir are invited. Please bring your family and a dish to share. Swimming will be available.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Monday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for guidance in their work.

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 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday, August 20th at 3:00 p.m. for a time of needlework and fellowship.

LOOKING AHEAD...beginning September 13th we will return to our regular schedule. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship will begin at 11:00 a.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to sing with the choir is welcome. If you have questions or concerns, please see Cindy Borbonus.

OUR NURSERY is in need of workers. Please consider volunteering one hour every 5 to 6 Sundays so we can have it available for young parents. Please see Deb Lint for more information.

ACCORDING TO OUR BOOK OF ORDER, all ministers, elders and deacons in the church are considered mandatory reporters of child abuse. The presbytery has provided the 3 hour training required by Act 31 and 126. Pastor Tim and two elders attended this. We are in the process of putting together that same training here at the church. It is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. We hope to open it to all churches in the area in an effort to make our community a safer place. We are working in partnership with The Alice Paul House of Indiana. The training is set for Thursday, September 17 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

GUEST MUSICIANS are joining us and sharing their talents during worship. The schedule to date is listed.

Today.....Janet Altman
 August 23Adam Loucks
 August 30Nightengals
 September 6.....Dave Hiltabidle

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
Saturday		Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Choir Picnic at the Borbonus Farm

Mission Moment – *Youth in the Church and World*

Vikita Sihali was a *young* young adult at the 2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. She serves her home presbytery, Amatola, in the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa and her home congregation as a youth leader. She shared the following words with the presbyteries of Northern New England and Boston after the 2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium:

“I bring greetings from my beautiful rainbow nation, South Africa. I bring special greetings from our brothers and sisters of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA) and especially from the Amatola Presbytery. Their message is, ‘We are praying for God’s continued blessings to be poured upon you and your families as well the congregations within the Northern New England and Boston presbyteries.’

“It is an honor for me to be here with you, especially after such a wonderful experience at the Triennium, where over 5,200 youth gathered from all over the world. All of us gathered to praise God, pray for and with each other, and to proclaim God’s greatness. The greatness of God was indeed upon the Triennium. Through the faces of young people who were seeking to praise God and seeking to learn more about each other as human beings, I saw God showing me the goodness of his love. In my world, this experience of Triennium is unprecedented, and it is a memory that I will forever cherish and one that I will strive to share within the UPCSA youth fellowship.”

—Gina Yeager-Buckley, associate for ministries with youth, Presbyterian Mission Agency