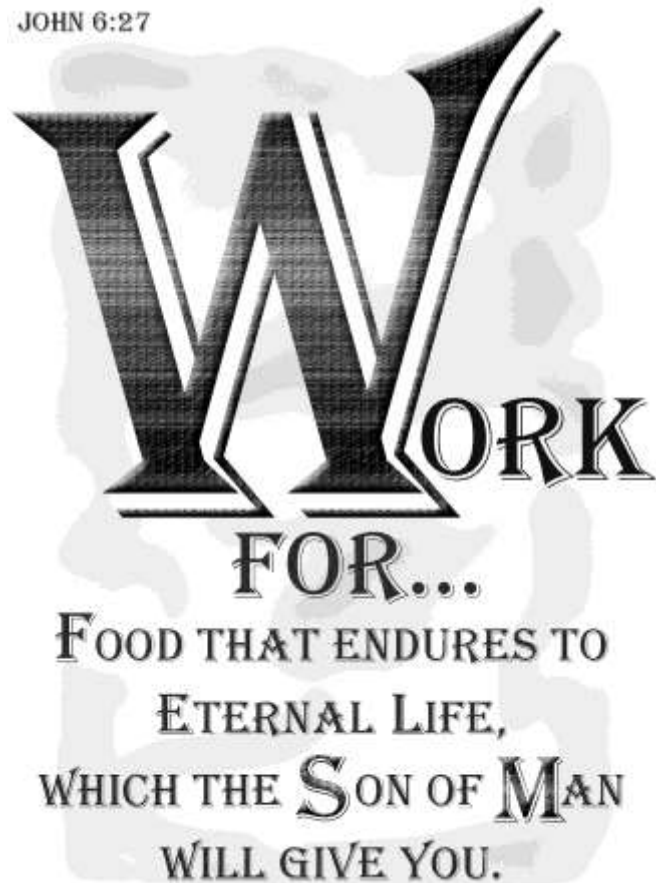


JOHN 6:27



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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August 2, 2015 ~ 10:00 AM

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Alice Santoro, 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

Cole Stuchal, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalm 51*)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Leader: Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

\*Hymn # 461

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.  
You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at  
others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the  
things of earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Speak your truth to  
us in love, so that we may return to you in peace, and grow  
more and more in grace; 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 4:1-16 (pg. 193 of NT)
Special Music	<i>"As the Deer"</i> arr. Douglas E. Wagner
	Vicky Westley & Amy Yackuboskey, Bell Duet
Gospel Lesson	John 6:24-35 (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)*

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory	<i>"Seek Ye First"</i> arr. Douglas E. Wagner
	Vicky Westley & Amy Yackuboskey, Bell Duet

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

- \*Hymn # 695 *"As We Gather at Your Table"*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)*

*(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)*

Prayer after Communion

- \*Hymn # 356 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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, Alice Santoro; Acolyte, Cole Stuchal; Projection, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; Guest Musicians, Vicky Westley & Amy Yackuboskey; 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 loved ones by Gene and Chery Artman.

A COMPASSION OFFERING will be received today during worship for the support of three children. They include: Vestine Hagenimana and Samuel Mutabazi from Rwanda, and Jeferson Morales from Colombia. During the Sunday school year, offerings through the Sunday school are used for compassion support, however during the summer months special offerings are received for this purpose.

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

OUR SECRETARY is on vacation this week and will be back Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be covering the office during this time. Please call before you stop to be sure someone is here.

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence in the Blairsville borough.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold their meeting Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The community is invited to attend.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. Bring your own project and join us for a time of fellowship and stitching.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time and talents during the week of Family Promise. Many hands prepared meals, stayed overnight, set-up and cleaned-up, transported families, laundered linens, scheduled volunteers and other tasks.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON is planned for Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & PRAISE will be held at the bandstand Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Join several of the pastors and praise bands from Blairsville Area churches as we enjoy an evening of music, worship and prayer! Bring a chair and join family and friends. The event is sponsored by the Blairsville Ministerium.

GUEST MUSICIANS are being invited to come and share their talents with us during worship. The schedule to date is listed.

Today ..... Vicky Westley & Amy Yackuboskey  
August 9 ..... Angela Lyons  
August 16 ..... Jessica Clayton  
August 23 ..... Adam Loucks  
August 30 ..... Nightengals

### **Mission Moment – Homelessness / Affordable Housing**

Along with clean air, food, and water, shelter is a necessity for survival. Beyond providing protection from the elements, housing provides the stability and safety needed for individuals and families to thrive. Unfortunately, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, on any given night 610,042 people in the United States experience homelessness. In addition, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, there are 10.16 million extremely low-income renter households that struggle to find affordable rental properties. The shortage of affordable and safe housing is just one example of a structural flaw that traps individuals and families in chronic states of homelessness and housing instability, making it impossible for them to escape the cycle of poverty. Barbara Brooks, whose story is told in the PBS documentary *Waging a Living*, is a single mother living in Freeport, New York. She worked full-time and put herself through college to earn an associate degree. Her new degree and strong work ethic led to a promotion, but the additional income meant she would lose much of her housing subsidy from the government. Despite doing everything right—seeking higher education and working full-time—she was faced with the unthinkable choice of losing her home or furthering her career. Studies and anecdotes show that affordable, stable, safe housing generally means children are healthier and perform better in school, adults are able to find more stable employment, and individuals and families can get out of poverty and lead more fulfilling lives. When it comes to fighting poverty, one of our most fundamental goals must be to ensure that all individuals and families have access to such housing. From policy advocacy at all levels of government to the local and global missions of congregations and presbyteries, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) can work to make safe, affordable housing a reality for everyone.

—Anne Fyffe, summer fellow, PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, 2014

## SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
		Compassion Offering
	11:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Baptism
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved