



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

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, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Olivia Eckenroad, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalm 71*)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

**People: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Leader: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**People: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,
O Lord, from my youth.**

Leader: Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

**People: It was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.**

*Hymn # 507 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from
sin. We dismiss the prophets you send and ignore your call to
service. We waste your gift of Sabbath and reject your offer of
healing. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us approach you again
with reverence and with awe, giving thanks for your saving love;
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

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 698 of OT)
Special Music	<i>"The Gift of Love"</i> Betsy Holby
Gospel Lesson	Luke 13:10-17 (pg. 76 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy 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)

*Favorites # 13 *"He Touched Me"*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* Betsy Holby

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 496 *"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"*

*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, Velma Crawford, Emma Riggi, Naomi Sigafoes and Judy Trimble; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Special Music, Betsy Holby; 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 Annabel Machak.

A COMPASSION OFFERING was received last Sunday during worship for the support of three children. The total received is \$629.00. Thank you to all those who gave gifts of support.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning today through next Sunday, August 28th. Many people are needed for set up, meals, over-night stays, clean-up, etc. If you would like to volunteer to work with this ministry, please see Gene Artman.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, August 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The cooked luncheon is provided free of charge to the students of WyoTech and is an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE CHOIR PICNIC is planned for Sunday, August 28th at 1:30 p.m. at the Borbonus farm. Choir members past, present and those interested in joining the choir and their families are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share and swimming will be available.

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 or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

CHOIR REHEARSALS begin Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. The choir will return to worship Sunday, September 11th. Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend rehearsals. For more information, see Cindy Borbonus.

WE HAVE become aware of the need to update our member military Honor Roll located at the back of the sanctuary. If you served in the military, please check the Honor Roll to see if you have been included. If we missed you, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991 or upchurch@r-church.com.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will host a light breakfast to kick off Sunday School Sunday, September 11th at 9:45 a.m. We invite parents to attend with their children and welcome you to visit your child's classroom for the first 15 minutes to meet the teacher. We also have adult classes available, the Homebuilders Class meets upstairs and the Adult Class meets in Fellowship Hall. If you don't attend Sunday School but would like to find out more about it, this is a perfect opportunity to see what it's all about!

OUR RWANDA PARTNERSHIP is turning 10 years old. An anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, September 17th at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Meet and greet will begin at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. Then Mrs. Kay Day, missionary to Rwanda will speak. RSVP's are requested by September 7th. Dinner is \$12 per person and includes soup, salad, lasagna, vegetable, beverage and dessert. RSVP's can be made to Calvary Church, 695 School St., Indiana, PA 15701 along with meal payment.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND will perform a concert Monday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. behind the Community Center. Bring your lawn chair and plan to enjoy an evening of good music.

OUR HEARTS, prayers, and thoughts go out to the people of Baton Rouge and the Gulf Coast in the wake of catastrophic flooding. PDA has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Synod of the Sun as they begin outreach to those affected. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to "Louisiana Flooding" to help address the needs of those impacted by the flooding.

A TRIP is being planned to Sight & Sound Theater for the production of "Samson" on Saturday, December 10th in Lancaster, PA. Show time is 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$146.00 for adults and \$93.00 for children. This price includes: Deluxe Coach Bus transportation with bathroom, your ticket to see Samson, all-you-can-eat Amish Family-style lunch at Hershey Farms and a continental breakfast on the bus. There is a payment plan available. If you are interested, please contact Vickie Baxter for more details or to sign up at vickiestours@gmail.com or at 724-248-3546.

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship Family Promise begins
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Grannies in Fellowship Hall Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall Family Promise
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon Family Promise
Wednesday		Family Promise
Thursday		Family Promise
Friday		Family Promise
Saturday		Family Promise
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Worship Choir Picnic at the Borbonus Farm Family Promise concludes

SUMMER MUSICIANS

Today	Betsy Holby
August 28	Adam Loucks
September 4	Sarah Noone

MISSION MOMENT- *Creative Approach Leads Retired Pastors to Serve 10-Member Congregation*

Two years ago Glacier Presbytery faced a challenge that may not be unique to that presbytery—how to find effective pastoral leadership for a very small, very rural congregation. The congregation of Community Presbyterian Church in Whitlash, Montana, with its 10 members, provides a vital ministry to that area, being the only church in that ranching community. Their remoteness presented an additional difficulty, as they are located more than 20 miles from the nearest paved road. Over the years they had tried many methods of securing pastoral leadership, sharing with nearby churches from other denominations, making weekly calls seeking a pastor to fill the pulpit, and helping a local person become trained as a commissioned ruling elder. When their pulpit once again became vacant, they reached out to the presbytery, wondering if there was a way to have a teaching elder serve them, even though their funds were very limited.

Glacier Presbytery came up with a creative idea: invite retired pastors to come for just a year or two at a time. Since the workweek is limited to one or two days, they knew that a pastor would have time to explore Montana, write a book, or delve into a spiritual discipline. Even though the congregation did not have many financial resources, the presbytery and congregation joined together to provide an innovative compensation plan that included fly-fishing and archery lessons provided by nearby pastors, a book of the month about Montana, monthly goodie baskets, a small stipend and use of the manse.

They have now had two retired pastors come to serve their congregation, one from Texas and one from Florida. For the first time in decades the congregation had a choice and enjoyed interviewing prospective pastors.

Marsha Anson, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Glacier Presbytery