



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

Bobbi Monroe, 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

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalm 84*)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**People: For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

**People: No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.**

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from
your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the
devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended
against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which
we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we
ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare
those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world in Christ
Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that
we may live a holy, just, and humble life 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

Old Testament Lesson

I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 (pg. 311 of OT)

Special Music

Adam Loucks

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20 (pg. 195 of NT)

Sermon

Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Church is divided into different parts or forms; not because it is divided or rent asunder in itself, but rather because it is distinguished by the diversity of the numbers that are in it.

For the one is called the Church Militant, the other the Church Triumphant. The former still wages war on earth, and fights against the flesh, the world, and the prince of this world, the devil; against sin and death. But the latter, having been now discharged, triumphs in heaven immediately after having overcome all those things and rejoices before the Lord. Notwithstanding both have fellowship and union one with another.

(The Second Helvetic Confession)

*Hymn # 513

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Adam Loucks

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 508

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

*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, Bobbi Monroe; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Projection, Mary Anzelone; Audio, Alex Baker; Guest Musician, Adam Loucks; 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 Jeff and Rose Lewis.

A CHOIR PICNIC is scheduled for today 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 is available.

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

GRANNIES will meet Monday, August 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 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.

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.

KISKIMINETAS PRESBYTERY Mission/Work Trip will be October 25-30, 2015 at Point Pleasant, NJ where residents are still recovering from Superstorm Sandy that devastated the coast. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office for more information.

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

Today.....Adam Loucks
 August 30Nightengals
 September 6.....Dave Hiltabidle

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Choir Picnic at the Borbonus Farm
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ron Libengood

Mission Moment – North Korea



Chilgol Church in Pyongyang
 Photo by Choon Lim

As a regional liaison for East Asia, I was looking for a partner to share the ministry in North Korea with me. In November 2013, I traveled to Shenyang, China, to attend Seotop Church’s 100th-anniversary celebration. There I met Rev. Sungnam Chen, associate pastor of the church, and shared my thoughts with him about reconciliation between North and South Korea and about the abiding poverty in North Korea. He suddenly grabbed my hand, saying, “Please use me.” So I talked with his senior pastor, Rev. Myungbok Oh, who granted Rev. Chen her permission.

On March 15, 2014, Rev. Chen and I went to Pyongyang to meet with representatives of our partner church, the Korean Christian Federation (KCF). As part of this partnership, the PC(USA) has sent 30 tons of flour and supported the renovation of Chilgol Church (see photo).

Working together with the KCF, I saw big smiles on those who received God’s love. Rev. Chen thanked me many times for providing him an opportunity to see the situation in North Korea. He felt he should raise funds for them through his church. He thanked me for opening his eyes about how he should serve and share. My final word to him was, “Don’t thank me, but thank God, who uses supportive churches and individuals.”

—Choon Lim, PC(USA) regional liaison for East Asia