

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
August 28, 2016 ~ 10:00 AM
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
Call to Worship (*Psalm 81*)
Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
**People: I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**
Leader: "But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.
**People: O that my people would listen to me,
then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.**
Leader: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
People: And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

*Hymn # 59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Prayer of Confession

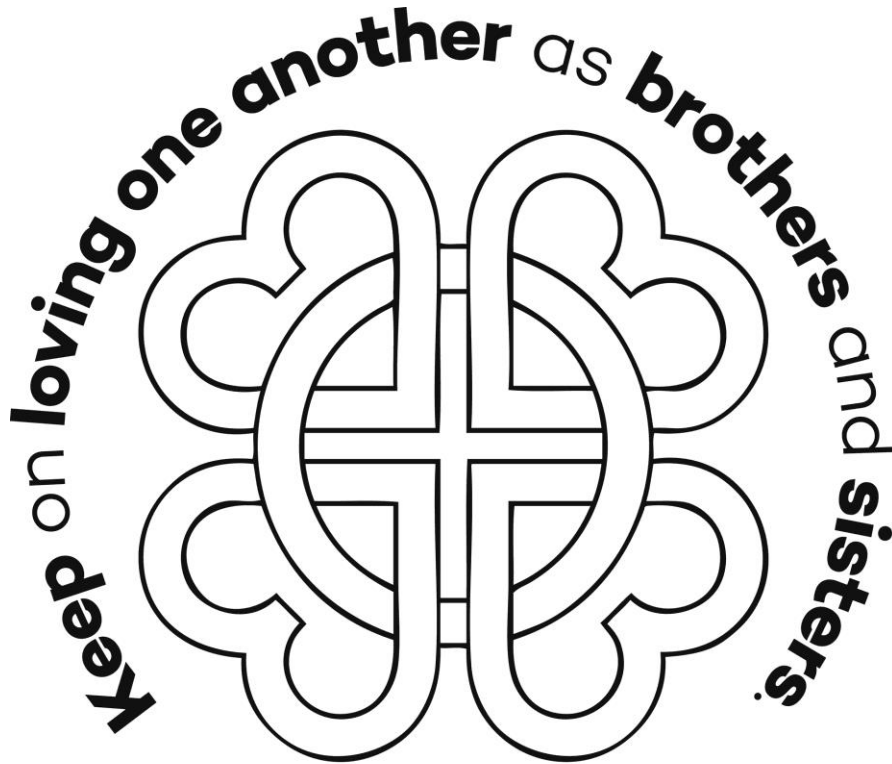
Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We stake out positions of privilege and push aside the oppressed. We seek the favor of the powerful and refuse to welcome the poor. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us your way of mutual love and hospitality to all, so that we may dwell in your house; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints



HEBREWS 13:1, NIV

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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DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (pg. 227 of NT)
Special Music *"I am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"* Adam Loucks
Gospel Lesson Luke 14:1, 7-14 (pg. 77 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

*Hymn # 593

"Lord, Speak to Me"

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

"Love Ye the Lord"

Adam Loucks

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 581 *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

*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; Ushers, Ron & Kim McKinney and John & Mary Hileman; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; Special Music, 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 Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

THE CHOIR PICNIC will be held today 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 NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, August 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WIC will meet in Fellowship Hall Tuesday, August 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, September 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor.

THE DEACONS will meet Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SCHEDULE CHANGE...Our Summer Schedule is about to come to an end. Beginning Sunday, September 11th, the Worship hour will move to 11:00 a.m. Sunday School classes will be held at 9:45 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 18th.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars...this year's church family Thanksgiving Dinner will be served Sunday, November 20th following worship. Make plans now to stay after worship and share a meal with your church family. More details to come.

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 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.

THE NIGHTENGALS will sing at the Indiana County Fair Saturday, September 3rd from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. on the Community Stage. If you're at the fair, stop by and listen for a while.

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:30 p.m.	Choir Picnic at the Borbonus Farm Family Promise concludes
Tuesday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday		Office Closed – Labor Day

SUMMER MUSICIANS

Today
September 4

Adam Loucks
Sarah Noone

MISSION MOMENT- *Remembering the Children in Jesus' Name*

Larry Coleman has been the sexton at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi, for some 38 years. He was in his early 20s when he came to Briarwood and for years has enabled the ministry of the congregation in many ways. Four years after he started working at Briarwood, he became a bus driver for the Jackson Public Schools. It was then that the damp chill of a Southern winter gave rise to an informal ministry that unfolded in a special way. Coleman noticed some hats and gloves that had been left at church from a project to provide schoolchildren with warm clothing and asked if he could take the hats and gloves along on his bus route. Women in the church began supplying him with more, as well as with knitted scarves, to keep on the bus all winter to distribute as needed.

One child at a time, the gifts warmed the heads, hands and hearts of his young passengers. Coleman insists that the women of the church deserve the credit. "I just took 'em. The ladies did all the work!" he says. But it was Coleman's compassion and initiative that opened the door. Over the years students boarding his bus for the first time have been heard to say to him, "I know you! You gave my brother a hat!" Jesus urges us to notice the children. Coleman helped Briarwood Church do just that.

Dr. M. Catherine Cook, Parish Associate for Spiritual Formation, Briarwood Presbyterian Church