



**Do not merely
listen to the word ...
Do what it says.**

James 1:22

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 UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
August 30, 2015 ~ 10:00 AM
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 Austin Baker, Acolyte

Call to Worship
Leader: Creator God, You have loved us passionately into being.
We come today seeking Your presence
and to know we are Your beloved.

**People: Enter our sanctuary and enter our hearts
that we may look into Your loving gaze
and see ourselves reflected there, as You see us.**

Leader: Let our love for You reflect and mirror Your perfect love,
as we gather as Your beloved community.

*Hymn # 480 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, You call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers
only. You call us to love the world with Your passion, and to let
that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness and peace. Forgive
us when our hearts are constricted with fear and we do not let
Your transforming grace open us to the world You cherish.
Forgive us when we honor You only with our lips and not with
our actions.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:1-8 (pg. 42 of NT)
Special Music	<i>“Trading My Sorrows”</i> Nightengals
New Testament Lesson	James 1:19-25 (pg. 229 of NT)
Sermon	“Committed to Doing Something” Rev. Ron Libengood

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in J sus Christ, fully human, fully God. J sus 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, J sus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this J sus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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*Hymn # 466 *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory “*Blessings*” Nightengals

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 486 *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Sermon Outline

“COMMITTED TO DOING SOMETHING”

James 1:19-25

James says, “Everyone should be quick to listen...” James 1:22 says, “Be doers of the Word not hearers only.”

Read Matthew 7:21 and 7:24

The truly wise person puts the Word into practice – a doer of the Word. We need to do something for the Lord in the church and outside the church.

Read Galatians 6:9-10

We need to be doing something for all people every chance we get.

Read Romans 12:6-8

There are 7 Basic Spiritual Gifts in this text and they are to be used to minister to others.

1. Prophesying or Preaching
2. Service
3. Teaching
4. Encouraging
5. Contributing or Giving
6. Leadership or Leading
7. Demonstrating Mercy

1 – Preaching – Read II Timothy 4:1-2

2 – Serving – Read Galatians 5:13 and I Peter 9-11

We are called to serve one another in love in the church and outside the church. Read Colossians 3:17 and Galatians 6:10.

3 – Teaching – Read Ephesians 4:11-12 and Colossians 3:16. Teach people the Word of God so they'll know it and try to live it. Familiarize, memorize, sermonize, educationalize and personalize the Word of God.

Read Romans 2:21

Read Ephesians 2:10

Are we everything that we can be when it comes to serving the Lord in the church and outside the church?

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.

WE WELCOME Rev. Ron Libengood to our pulpit this morning. Ron is a retired Methodist minister. He and his wife, Joy worship with us when Ron is not filling the pulpit in another church. Please be sure to greet them before you leave today.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Projection, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; Guest Musicians, the Nightengals; 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.

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.

Much love and thanks to all my church family for the cards, calls and especially for the prayers during my illness. A special thank you to Pastor Tim for his faithful and uplifting visits.

Nancy Campbell

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 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 BOARD OF DEACONS will resume monthly meetings. They will meet Tuesday, September 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, September 1st 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 STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday, September 3rd at 3:00 p.m. If you enjoy needlework and have a project you're working on, bring it along and join us for a time of fellowship.

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ron Libengood
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsals begin
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday		Labor Day – Office Closed

Mission Moment – *Union Presbyterian Seminary*

In January 2014, my wife and I journeyed to Ghana with a group of students and staff as part of Union Presbyterian Seminary's travel-seminar program. I remember particularly our group's visit to a wonderful market in the middle of Agbogbloshie, a vast slum outside Accra. We were met by leaders of the Konkomba Market congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana. The congregation is led by a pastor who came to this impoverished area to, in Jesus' words, "bring good news to the poor." As we walked through the community, people called out to him, greeted him with smiles and handshakes, and welcomed us with warmth simply because we were with him. Here, in a place where so many live without material and physical comforts, he was proclaiming the Lord's favor.

We followed him and his congregants to the small, only partially enclosed tin-roofed wooden structure that serves as their church. We sang. We danced. We praised God. Here was a people with few material blessings testifying to the good news that enriched them. Truly, this pastor and this church are anointed by the Spirit to bring good news—to be the very image of good news—and offer the reminder that, even in the most difficult of circumstances, the hope and the promise of the gospel are a cause for rejoicing.

—*Brian K. Blount, president and professor of New Testament, Union Presbyterian Seminary*

