



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 6, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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 17*)

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**People: From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

Leader: My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

**People: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge.

**People: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied,
beholding your likeness.**

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.
You bless us so generously, but we deny your blessing to others.
You provide for us so richly, but we are slow to share your gifts.
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may proclaim with gratitude the
great abundance of your love, 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

New Testament Lesson	Romans 9:1-5 (pg. 159 of NT)
Special Music	Betsy Holby
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 14:13-21 (pg. 16 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27-28)

What do you understand by the providence of God?

The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.

*Hymn # 500 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Betsy Holby

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*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, Mary Anzelone; Special Music, Betsy Holby; Ushers, Tom & Julia Holby, Bob & Diane Hanna; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; 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 Naomi Sigafos.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, August 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

A GIRL SCOUT UNIT meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall Thursday, August 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15th at 11:00 a.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING will be held in Fellowship Hall Thursday, August 17th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The training will cover church-specific scenarios. This 3 hour workshop will provide the required training in a format that will make sense to your situation as a church Elder, Deacon, VBS volunteer, Sunday School teacher/helper, staff or Pastor. All those in the congregation who hold these titles, currently serving or not, are encouraged to attend. Please register with Jill at 724-459-7991 or upchurch@r-church.com.

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 Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marilyn Neal on her retirement after 39 years of faithful service at Indiana Regional Medical Center. We wish you many happy days in your retirement.

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only, at the Blairsville Community Center. Date and times are August 16 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

A CHOIR PICNIC will be held Sunday, August 27th beginning with swimming and fellowship at 3:00 p.m. followed at 5:00 p.m. with the picnic meal. All those interested in the choir and their families are invited to join Cindy, choir members and their families at the Borbonus Farm. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. For more information, see Cindy or contact the church office. Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m.

GUEST MUSICIANS are scheduled to share their musical talent during worship. If you or someone you know would be willing to share with us, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

Special Musicians Schedule
Today.....Betsy Holby
August 13Adam Loucks

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Clarksburg will host our guests from Rwanda September 12, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Rev. Celestin Nsengimana and Rose Marie Ibyashaka will be the guest speakers. Dinner will be served immediately following. If you would like to attend, please register by calling the church office 724-459-7991 or the presbytery office 724-783-7196 by Friday, September 1st.

SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship
Tuesday	3:00 p.m. Stitching Group
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship



Sunday School Annual Kickoff Breakfast

“You are God’s Masterpiece!”
Ephesians 2:10

Sunday, September 10th 9:45 AM

Join us as we begin our Sunday School year with our
Annual Kickoff Breakfast.

Everyone is invited...come enjoy fellowship with us
and learn about the different classes that are
available to you.

Sunday School classes will begin
Sunday, September 17th at 9:45 a.m.