



PSALM 130:7, NRSV

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 9, 2015 ~ 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

Chase Stuchal, Acolyte

Call to Worship (*Psalm 130*)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

**People: But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

People: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

*Hymn # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what
we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole
heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us
amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
holy name.**

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- Sacrament of Baptism
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson	John 6:35, 41-51 (pg. 98 of NT)
Special Music	Angela Lyons
New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (pg. 194 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. 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 # 589 *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*
 Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*“...debts...and debtors”*)
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Angela Lyons

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 569 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

*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; Acolyte, Chase Stuchal; Projection, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Guest Musician, Angela Lyons; 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 DEACONS will check blood pressures next Sunday following worship. Please see Kim McKinney or Beverly Lindsey.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, August 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON is planned for Tuesday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m. Plans are being worked on for the upcoming Sunday School year.

JOYFUL JAVA & MUSIC CAFÉ is held each Tuesday evening from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at the Koffee Shoppe in Blairsville. On Tuesday, August 11th the Nightengals will be the guest musicians. All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Christian music.

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 August 19, 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.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & PRAISE will be held at the bandstand Friday, August 14th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Join several of the pastors and praise bands from Blairsville Area churches as we enjoy an evening of music, worship and prayer! Bring a chair and join family and friends. The event is sponsored by the Blairsville Ministerium.

THE BLAIRSVILLE KNOTWEED FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, August 15 through Sunday, August 16. Many activities are being planned.

THE REV. STEVE AND BRENDA STELLE, missionaries we support in Ethiopia, are back in the U.S. for two months sharing stories of their work there. They will be speaking at the Sandy Lake Presbyterian Church in Mercer Tuesday, August 18th at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to go and hear them, please let Pastor Monroe know.

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

GUEST MUSICIANS are being invited to come and share their talents with us during worship. The schedule to date is listed.

Today.....	Angela Lyons
August 16	Jessica Clayton
August 23	Adam Loucks
August 30	Nightengals
September 6.....	Dave Hiltabidle

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.

Mission Moment – *Higher Education / Collegiate Ministries*

“So, what exactly does a chaplain do?” It’s a question I’m often asked when I tell people that I’m a college chaplain. I don’t really have “typical” days. Like most pastors, chaplains do a little of everything. We put together programs, organize and lead worship (weddings and memorials included), and counsel students. In his book *Reaching Out*, Henri Nouwen recounts a story of walking the campus at Notre Dame with an experienced professor who, as they strolled along, said to him, “My whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I discovered that my interruptions were my work.” If ever there was an apt description of ministry in higher education, that is it: a ministry of interruptions. About a year ago, some students approached me about having a Bible study. It’s a pretty unusual request given the number of active student groups on our small campus. We were joined by Christians of all kinds, as well as students who might not identify as Christian but were interested in how we might talk about the Bible. We met weekly during Lent and read Lamentations together. Most of them (even the churchd ones) weren’t even aware it existed. In a world of distraction and disruption, sometimes we need interruptions like this in our hectic lives, and sometimes we ask for it without even knowing why we need it. While the heart of the church may be the congregation, I see the Holy Spirit at work in amazing ways through people who never enter a church building. Working beyond church walls also means I never quite know what is coming my way and can’t really plan for it, because when I plan too much, I miss the best opportunities.

And some days I do my best work in the dining hall.

—Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes, Julia Thompson Smith chaplain, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Baptism
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00-12:00 p.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Evening of Prayer & Praise at the Bandstand
Saturday		Blairsville Knotweed Festival
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks