



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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September 4, 2016 ~ 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 139*)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

\*Hymn # 56 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from  
sin. We follow the advice of the wicked and scoff at those who do  
good. We make plans we cannot complete and promises we will  
not fulfill. Forgive us, God of grace. Refresh and renew our  
hearts, so that we may seek your will and do all the good we can;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 18:1-11 (pg. 720 of OT)
Special Music	Sarah Noone
Gospel Lesson	Luke 14:25-33 (pg. 78 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 43)*  
What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?  
**That by his power our old self is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil passions of our mortal bodies may reign in us no more, but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

\*Hymn # 486 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*  
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors..."*)  
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word  
Offertory Sarah Noone  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication  
\*Hymn # 474 *"I Surrender All"*  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

*(\*All who are able, please stand.)*

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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; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Special Music, Sarah Noone; 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 Patrick and Janeen Swope.

THE OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the Labor Day holiday.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS begin Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The choir will return to worship Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend rehearsals. For more information, see Cindy Borbonus.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

THE BLAIRSVILLE MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at SS. Simon & Jude Church.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Our Summer Schedule ends today. Beginning next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Worship hour will move to 11:00 a.m. A Kick-Off Breakfast will be held at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes will begin at 9:45 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will host a light breakfast to kick off Sunday School Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Dear Congregation members of Blairsville Presbyterian Church,*

*The Board and staff at Family Promise would like to thank you for your continued involvement with Family Promise. Both your financial support and the volunteers that you provide have been essential to our being able to care for homeless families here in Indiana County. With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to help many of these families not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future with programs in job training, financial literacy, counseling, and temporary housing. May God bless each of you who are so willing to serve.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Care & Share Day Food Drive will be taking place in September. Look for a paper bag in the September 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Indiana Gazette. Place your food donations in this bag, or any bag will do, and drop it off at the church Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The donations support the ICCAP Food Bank.

OUR RWANDA PARTNERSHIP is turning 10 years old. An anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

THE DECISION AMERICA TOUR will reach the Pennsylvania State Capital Building in Harrisburg Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. A prayer rally will be held at 12:00 noon led by Franklin Graham. The goal of this tour is to reach all 50 states and pray for the nation.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS were mailed out Friday. There are a few copies available at the back of the sanctuary for those who may not receive it. If you would like to receive a monthly newsletter from the church, please let us know by marking the pew pad or calling the church office at 724-459-7991.

## SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>		Office Closed – Labor Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank Distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsals begin
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting

## REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Worship & Communion

**MISSION MOMENT-** Bike Tour to Raise Funds for California Food Pantries

For the third year in a row, a group of avid cyclists between 30 and 70 years of age will take to the California roads this month to combat hunger. The Pedal for Protein ride is scheduled for September 18–22. The Presbyter of the Redwoods launched the ride two years ago to help community food pantries provide protein-rich foods to families in need. “In the past, the tour has lasted seven days, covering more than 429 miles,” said Patty Sanders, Hunger Action Advocate and ride director. “This year we’ve shortened the trip to 268 miles over five days.” In its first two years, the bike ride has raised approximately \$49,000. The presbytery’s hunger task force then provides grants to grassroots food banks at the end of the year. “It is so expensive to live in this area, particularly in the southern part of our presbytery. Housing is very expensive, and people are paying tremendous amounts for one- or two-bedroom apartments, and many are still recovering from losing their homes,” said Sanders. “Many people don’t have jobs or are working two or three jobs to make ends meet. The homeless are just a small part of the people the food pantries serve. Most of the pantries are helping the working poor who have had medical emergencies or no insurance at all, making it difficult to feed their families.” Sanders recently attended the 222nd General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, and staffed the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s booth in the exhibit hall. She talked with numerous Presbyterians about the fundraiser. “I try to encourage churches and presbyteries to consider doing something like this to help their various community needs,” she said. “You don’t have to be an athlete, just have a goal to raise money, whether it is for a food bank or a sports program for children or another need. You just have to have a heart for this and work with someone who is good at organizing.” “One of the things that’s so terrific about Pedal for Protein is that Patty connected her work as a Hunger Action Advocate to a passion she already had for fitness in order to address a specific problem in her presbytery,” said Jessica Maudlin, associate for the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s Enough for Everyone ministry. “This is a perfect example of the way that PHP connects to local presbyteries in a way that allows for what’s best in the local context.”

*Rick Jones, Communications Strategist, Presbyterian Mission Agency*