

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
September 6, 2015 ~ 10:00 AM
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Barb Brown, 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 125*)

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and for evermore.**

Leader: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous may not stretch out their hands
to do wrong.

**People: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

*Hymn # 728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we
forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in
you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints



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	James 2:1-17 (pg. 229 of NT)
Special Music	Dave Hiltabidle
Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:24-37 (pg. 42 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(A Brief Statement 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.

*Hymn # 476 *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Dave Hiltabidle

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 473 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*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, Barb Brown; Ushers, Nancy Boone, Bobbi Monroe, Ken Doak, and Paul Soltesz; Projection, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Guest Musician, Dave Hiltabidle; 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 Ron and Kim McKinney.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
Sunday School classes begin at 9:45 a.m.
Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS have begun Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome. If you have questions or concerns, please see Cindy Borbonus, director or any choir member.

OUR BELL CHOIR will start rehearsals in October. We still need ringers for our lower octaves. If you are interested, don't be shy! We would love to have you join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

THE OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 7th in recognition of the Labor Day holiday. Hours will resume on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. For more information, see Deb Lint, chair.

A PRESBYTERY MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Cowansville. Gene Artman will attend as commissioner with Rev. Monroe.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. For more information or concerns, see Elaine Jellison, chair.

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.

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 BLAIRSVILLE MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, September 11th at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Parish.

THE KISKIMINETAS PRESBYTERY MISSION/WORK TRIP will be October 25 – 30, 2015 at Point Pleasant, NJ. The area is still recovering from Superstorm Sandy which devastated the coast. Registration deadline is September 15th. For more information, contact the church office.

THE FIRST ANNUAL INDIANA COUNTY OVERDOSE AWARENESS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL will take place Tuesday, September 8th. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Diamond. Please feel free to attend and pass the information on to others in the community. The event is sponsored by the Armstrong & Indiana Drug Free Communities Coalition.

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.

Mission Moment – Missouri Union Presbytery

It started with a phone call. Laura Erdel of the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri called Rev. Terry Kukuk, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, just up the road in the city of Mexico. The food bank wanted to get food into Audrain County. Their current avenues of food distribution were not meeting the needs of the 20.3 percent of residents living in poverty. Knowing the congregation's growing concern over food insecurity, Terry asked Laura how quickly she could get some trucks of food together. Terry was confident the session would approve an emergency distribution of food. And it did! That phone call resulted in First Presbyterian becoming a mobile food pantry for the food bank. On the second Thursday of the month, the church's fellowship hall becomes a place of help and hope as up to 30,000 pounds of food are distributed by over 70 volunteers. Hospitality and dignity are high priorities as volunteers serve those who find themselves in need (pantry clients are referred to as "shoppers"). The mobile food pantry, which helps 550–600 people each month, has done much more than distribute food. It has also created community. Volunteers and clients alike have learned one another's names. Joys and concerns are shared. Prayers are offered, and hugs flow freely. Glenn and Susan Wheeler coordinate the schedule for the 70-plus volunteers. Their monthly reminder always mentions that the mobile food pantry would not be possible without the generous and caring hearts of all who give of themselves to show the compassion and love of Jesus Christ.

—Rev. Terry L. Kukuk, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Mexico, Missouri

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting at Cowansville
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsals begin
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School classes begin
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion