

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

August 19, 2018 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Connie Bruner, 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

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (*Psalm 111*)

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**People: They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.**

\*Hymn # 50 "Great Is the Lord"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.  
You bestow the gift of wisdom, yet we continue in our  
foolishness. You provide the bread of life, yet we persist in the  
ways of death. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to make better  
use of the lives you have given us, giving glory to you in all  
things; 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 I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (pg. 304 of OT)

Special Music "Ride the Chariot"

Laurel Harmony Chorus

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20 (pg. 194 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*The Scots Confession*)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we  
must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must  
worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal,  
infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all  
things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been  
created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided  
by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom,  
goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of  
his own glory.**

\*Hymn # 483 "Take Time to Be Holy"

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

Response "Dona Nobis Pacem"

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory "It Is Well with My Soul"

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 22 "Let All Things Now Living"

\*Benediction

\*Response "Send Your Love"

\*Postlude

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

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Family Promise concludes
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Church Carpets Cleaned
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Fellowship Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will soon come to an end. Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> our worship service will return to 11:00 a.m. A “Radical Welcome Breakfast” will kick-off our Sunday School year on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. Please mark your calendars.

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Psalm 111:10, ESV

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*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit  
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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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, Connie Bruner; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus. Special Music is provided by the Laurel Harmony Chorus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gene and Chery Artman.

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THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to coordinate the schedule of audio and visual techs. We're also looking for someone interested in operating the sound system once a month during worship. If you are interested in either position, please see Elaine Jellison or call the church office.

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.

THE SESSION is attempting to determine whether or not members of the congregation would like to have other ways of giving your offerings to the church. We would like to know if you would prefer being able to do direct deposit or debit withdrawals, in addition to your ability to give checks and cash. Please let us know by August 30<sup>th</sup> if you would like these additional options. Contact the church office by email (secretary@r-church.com) or by dropping a note in the offering plate.

GUEST MUSICIANS are being 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.

Guest Musicians Schedule:

Today ..... Laurel Harmony Chorus  
August 26.....Danielle & Matthew Cyphert

THE WORK of the Nominating Committee is some of the most important in the life of the church. Those serving have the responsibility to bring before the congregation the names of those who will potentially serve as elders and deacons. Our Nominating Committee will begin this important task in the coming weeks. Please be in prayer for them as they discern God's will for our church's leadership. Also be in prayer for those individuals who will be asked to serve.

The Nominating Committee includes:

Elaine Jellison-chair, Dennis Gould-elder, Andrea Clayton-deacon, Gene Artman, Matt Borbonus, Janet Smith, Linda George and Pastor Monroe. Irving Lindsey is the alternate.

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK FOR A WONDERFUL LIFE will be held Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mack Park Fairgrounds Track. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. Registration is a voluntary donation. All proceeds benefit the Suicide Task Force Community Awareness Programs.