

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

August 26, 2018 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Lon Ferguson, 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 (*Psalms 84*)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**People: For a day in your courts is better than  
a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.

**People: No good thing does the Lord withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.**

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

\*Hymn # 471 "As the Deer"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.  
You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty  
idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall  
back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word  
and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you  
faithfully; 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**

Gospel Lesson

John 6:56-69 (pg. 98 of NT)

Special Music

Danielle and Matthew Cyphert

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20 (pg. 195 of NT)

Sermon

Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

(*The Second Helvetic Confession*)

**The Church is divided into different parts or forms; not because  
it is divided or rent asunder in itself, but rather because it is  
distinguished by the diversity of the numbers that are in it. For  
the one is called the Church Militant, the other the Church  
Triumphant. The former still wages war on earth, and fights  
against the flesh, the world, and the prince of this world, the  
devil; against sin and death. But the latter, having been now  
discharged, triumphs in heaven immediately after having  
overcome all those things and rejoices before the Lord.  
Notwithstanding both have fellowship and union one with  
another.**

\*Hymn # 513

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 508

"Lead on, O King Eternal"

\*Benediction

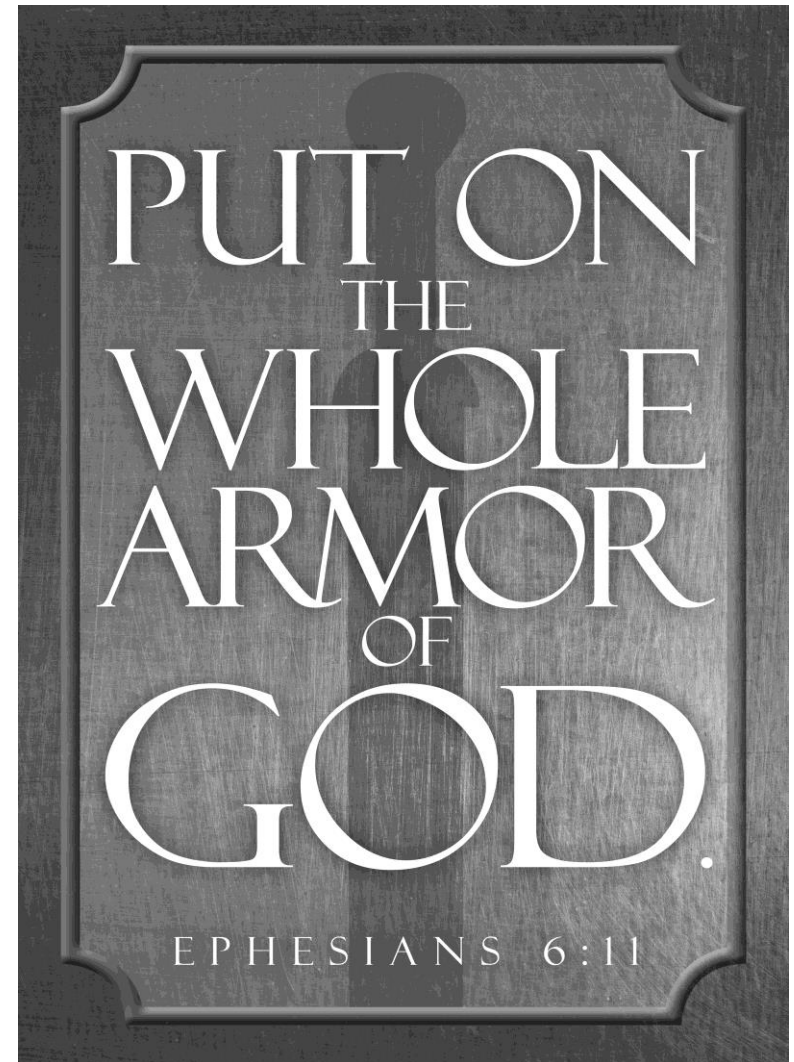
\*Postlude

(\*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.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ron Libengood
<b>Monday</b>		Office Closed for the Labor Day holiday



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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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Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Ushers, Ron & Kim McKinney and Tom & Janet Smith; Projector, Kayla Moran; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus. Special Music is provided by Danielle and Matthew Cyphert.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, August 30<sup>th</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 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](mailto:secretary@r-church.com)) or by dropping a note in the offering plate.

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.

**OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE will begin 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 and plan to be here.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in recognition of the Labor Day holiday.

CHOIR REHEARSALS begin Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The choir will return to worship Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend rehearsals. For more information about sharing your musical talents, see Cindy Borbonus.

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. 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 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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE will hold disaster response training sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity and its presbyteries. Trainings begin with registration at 9:00 a.m., include lunch at 12:30 p.m. and closing remarks at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. All sites will include training in "Disaster Preparedness and Engagement" and "Human-Caused Disasters." In addition, one of three additional trainings will be held at each site. Please call the church office for more information or check out [syntrinity.org/PDA](http://syntrinity.org/PDA).

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE Active Shooter Response Training & Emergency Preparedness for Houses of Worship: *How to Remain Welcoming and Protected* will be presented by Trooper Clifford A. Greenfield. Presentations will be made October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at our church; October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Hilltop Baptist Church in Indiana; and October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Center Presbyterian Church.