

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
August 5, 2018 ~ 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 51*)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**People: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

*Hymn # 371 "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at
others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for
the things of earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Speak your
truth to us in love, so that we may return to you in peace, and
grow more and more in grace; 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 II Samuel 11:26-12:13a (pg. 285 of OT)

Special Music "Psalm 23" Adam Loucks

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16 (pg. 193 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Confession of 1967*)

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his witness in his own particular situation. He is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. He in turn, in his own competence, helps to guide the church.

*Hymn # 580 "We Are Called to Be God's People"

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory "Where Still Waters Flow"

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 581 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Meeting
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	12:00-4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	1:00 p.m.	Choir Picnic at the Borbonus Farm Family Promise begins



Lead a life
worthy of the calling ...
making every effort
to maintain the unity
of the **Spirit** in
the bond of **peace.**
Ephesians 4:1-3

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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, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Ken Doak, Bonni Dunlap, Joan Moran and Judy Trimble; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus. Special Music is provided by Adam Loucks.

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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, August 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning Sunday, August 12th through Sunday, August 19th. Volunteers are always needed to provide meals, fellowship, overnight stays at the church and transportation. If you are interested in taking part in this ministry, please see Pastor Monroe.

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 CHOIR PICNIC is scheduled for Sunday, August 12th at 1:00 p.m. at the Borbonus Farm. All choir members, their families and anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share. The pool is open so if you would like, come prepared to take a dip! For questions or more information, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

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.

JILL WILL BE OUT of the office from Friday, August 10-Friday, August 17th. Volunteers will be covering to answer phone calls and greet visitors. Please have announcements for the August 12th and 19th bulletins to the church office by Tuesday, August 7th. Thank you.

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 30th 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.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to coordinate the schedule of audio and visual techs. If you are interested, please see Elaine Jellison.

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 Adam Loucks
August 12 Dave Hiltabidle
August 19 Vicky Westley and friends
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.