

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

August 18, 2019 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Gene Artman, 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 (*Psalms 80*)

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see.

**People: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

*Hymn # 73 “The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well”

*Prayer of Confession

**Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in
faith and love. You call us your beloved people, but we do not
follow your ways. You planted us as your own vine, but we fail
to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the
burden of our sin so that we may run the race that you have set
before us; 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 Isaiah 5:1-7 (pg. 634 of OT)

Special Music Pam Krouse

Gospel Lesson Luke 12:49-56 (pg. 75 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

**Wise and virtuous men through the ages have sought the
highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and
beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s
love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and
hostility. All men, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before
God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all men fall
under God’s judgment. No one is more subject to that
judgment than the man who assumes that he is guiltless before
God or morally superior to others.** (*Confession of 1967*)

*Hymn # 569 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Pam Krouse

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 508 “Lead on, O King Eternal”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship
2:30-4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
Thursday 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group meets in the parlor
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE:

August 18 – Pam Krouse
August 25 – Blairsville Brass Ensemble

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE comes to an end Sunday, September 1st. Beginning Sunday, September 8th, Sunday School activities will be held at 9:45 a.m. followed by worship at 11:00 a.m.



*I came to bring
fire to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

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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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, Gene Artman; Ushers, Bonni Dunlap and the Kuku Family; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; Special Music, Pam Krouse; 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 Bill and Deb Lint.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, August 22nd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. We are still in need of two ringers. If you are interested, please see Vicky Westley.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM used by our young people this Fall will follow the lectionary. All students will be studying the same texts. While the lessons will be appropriate for the different age groups, there are common themes for teachers to consider. We are asking teachers to attend a general review of those themes on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe will offer a general overview, highlighting more important points of the lesson.

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.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for youth or adults interested in operating the sound or projector during worship. The equipment is located in the balcony. Audio and projection techs are scheduled on a rotating basis. Those interested would be scheduled approximately once a month. If you would like more information, please see Elaine Jellison or contact the church office.

THE 5th ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is now underway. Again this year we are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coats" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

OUR POLICY for those working with children requires that copies of the Child Abuse History Clearance and the PA State Police Criminal Record Check for Volunteers be on file in the church office. These documents are kept in a secure area. Clearances are free for volunteers every 5 years. For more information on clearances or to obtain your clearances, please visit keepkidssafe.pa.gov. If you have any questions, please see Joan Moran or contact the church office.

THE HOMER CITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will host Mandated Reporter Training Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Homer City Church at 724-479-2695 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday or Friday. The church has limited office hours so please call in this time frame.

ON WEDNESDAY, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. we will begin our Fall Bible Study. We will turn to the Old Testament book of Daniel. We focus on the Biblical text and ways it applies to our lives and informs our faith. We hope you will attend—Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held in September when Sunday School classes resume.

IT'S COMING...save the date, Sunday, September 8th at 9:45 a.m. A kick off for our Sunday School year is in the planning stages. If you've never been to Sunday School class or it's been a while since you attended, plan now to give it a try. There is no prerequisite class needed. We welcome all those who join us. Classes are available for all ages. More information will be available soon!

MISSION MOMENT - *Youth in the Church and World*

Starting this reflection about youth in the church while an Old Testament king is on my mind might seem like a strange place to begin. My "today" mind is full of the images I am enjoying on social media of young people participating in summer mission immersions, camps, service projects and other summer activities. But my "writing" mind is thinking about what King David, has to offer us about youth in the church and the world. David, who is buried in the city he helped establish, once stood as a young man, among his sheep, in the shadow of a giant enemy, with his best friend, Jonathan, with his music and poetry and indeed, with his God. That part of his life, along with his leadership, his goodness and his ... not so goodness, is all part of his legacy. David's youth was part of a lifelong trajectory of faith. And his legacy is pertinent to youth ministry today. We do not do youth ministry simply *for* young people, for distraction, safety or expectation. We do youth ministry because youth or adolescence is a part of a lifelong trajectory of our purpose, our call, the reason God has given us to this world. We serve God among young people, and we are young people in the presence of God to serve others. Like David, our young people have gifts. Like David, our young people carry on family expectations and stories. Like David, our young people face enemies — so many enemies that some days I feel almost too anxious that we cannot protect them or even scratch at the surface of what they need from us. Like David, our young people will write the poetry of our church and they will recite the poetry of their older, more experienced mentors, leaders and parents. They will fail, like David failed. When it

comes to watching young people fail or mess up, I, like so many others in youth ministry, wish that I could prevent that failure. On this day that we, as a church, take a moment to give thanks to God for the gift of young people in the church and the world, perhaps we can look across the sanctuary, or the youth room, or the dinner table, to see what God sees — a life and faith already gifting us with God's image, with the holy hope of what is to come.

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