

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 15, 2019 ~ 11:00 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 Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 78 vs. 4 *“God of the Ages, History’s Maker”*

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,

Lord of the future, help us, we pray:

Teach us to trust you, love and obey you,

Crown you each moment, Lord of today.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 14*)

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.

**People: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.**

Leader: Have they no knowledge, all the evil doers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the Lord?

**People: There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.**

Leader: You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

**People: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

*Hymn # 82 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from
sin. You search for us, like lost sheep, but we pretend not to
hear your voice. You treasure us, like lost coins, but we spend**

**our lives in foolish ways. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to
repent and return to you, so that we may join the joyful feast
of redemption and restoration; 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

New Testament Lesson I Timothy 1:12-17 (pg. 208 of NT)

Anthem *“Sing to the Lord a New Song”*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10 (pg. 78 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to
myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost
of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has
completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he
protects me so well that without the will of my Father in
heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that
everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore,
by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and
makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to
live for him.**

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)

*Hymn # 440 *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 422

“Amazing Grace!”

*Benediction

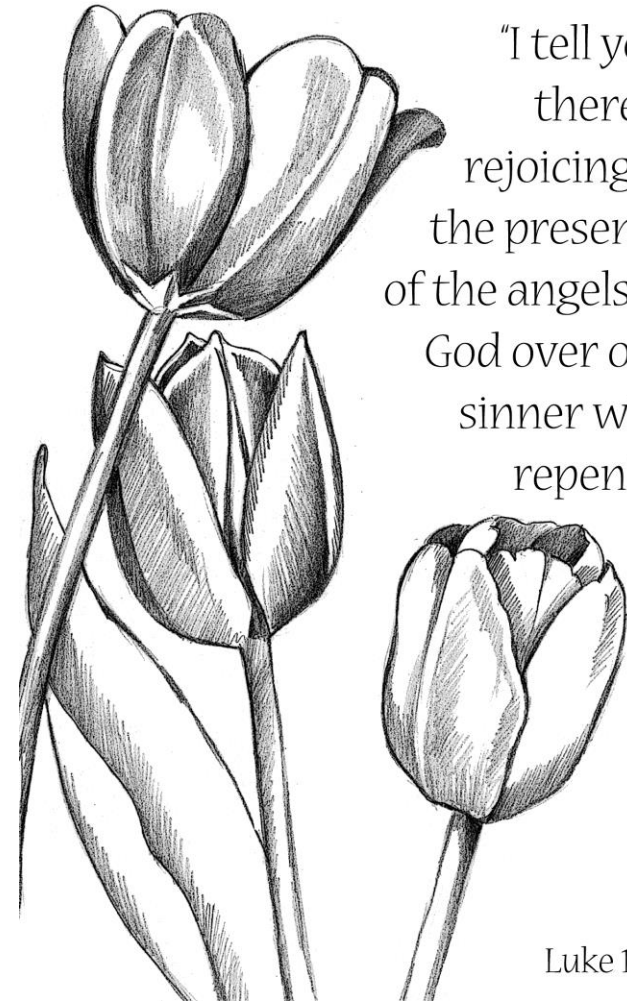
*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:30-4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study begins
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Saturday	7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Kitchen reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting



“I tell you,
there is
rejoicing in
the presence
of the angels of
God over one
sinner who
repents.”

Luke 15:10

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, Lon Ferguson; Ushers, Bill & Deb Lint and Joan & Kayla Moran; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; 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 Soni Clapper.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Old Testament book of Daniel is our focus. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. We are still in need of two ringers. If you are interested, please see Vicky Westley.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, September 19th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship next Sunday, September 22nd to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2020 Pastoral Terms of Call.

NEW ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held next Sunday, September 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please see Elaine Jellison for more information.

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 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.

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.

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, we will celebrate with Rev. Dr. Roger Petersen the 60th anniversary of his ordination!

- You have opportunity to share written thoughts, memories and/or best wishes to be included in a Memory Book. Please look for the Memory Book at the back of the sanctuary or send your written thoughts to the church office.
- A monetary donation from the church will be sent to the *Billy Graham Evangelistic Association* in Roger's name. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please make your check payable to the church and mark your envelope or check memo clearly.
- Following worship on September 29th, we will celebrate with a light reception in Fellowship Hall. The Memory Book will be presented to Dr. Petersen as a gift from his friends at the Blairsville Church.

We hope you will plan to share this special day with us and our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Roger Petersen!

MISSION MOMENT - *Creative thinking and partnerships feed many*

As a pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, my job is to make things happen that are sometimes out of the box — like starting a food pantry for musicians. Early in 2010, our church drummer, Sam Johnson Jr., wondered if a pantry for musicians could happen. He stated that he “had all these cats to feed.” Kansas City is a wonderful jazz city and so the “cats” he was talking about were not the feline kind. “Cats” is a term that Sam used to refer to his musician friends. The conversation continued with our session, and soon the Musicians Food Pantry was opened twice a month at the church. Nothing happens in a vacuum, including feeding the hungry. Soon after opening the pantry, Village Presbyterian, our sister church that shares our passion for jazz, urban ministry and feeding the hungry, reached out to support the ministry. Today, the pantry has expanded from two to five days a week and welcomes all, not just musicians. The Musicians Food Pantry — we kept the name to honor the musicians that led to this ministry happening — is staffed by Covenant member Donna Lenhart and Orlandra Brown, church administrator. Brown manages the pantry, orders the food and works with volunteers to unload the food truck. In 2018, we served more than 3,700 households. The important thing about the pantry is that it serves anyone who walks in the door. In addition to our neighbors, we take referrals from the Community Action Agency of Greater Kansas City, serving as a satellite pantry. Partnering with others is important when seeking to serve those in need, especially since we wanted our pantry to be a client choice pantry. A client choice pantry is where neighbors choose what they want, rather than receive a prepackaged bag of groceries. We are able to offer more food variety by partnering with a local community food network. The client food choice approach has proven to be successful. Clients like to be able to pick their food items. We’re all about giving people choice, options and most of all, dignity.

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