

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
September 22, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, 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 # 372 vs. 2 *“I Then Shall Live”*

I then shall live as one who’s learned compassion;

I’ve been so loved that I’ll risk loving, too.

I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;

I dare to see another’s point of view.

And when relationships demand commitment,

Then I’ll be there to care and follow through.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 79*)

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?

Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

**People: Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you, and on the kingdoms
that do not call on your name.**

Leader: Do not remember against us
the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.

**People: Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name’s sake.**

*Hymn # 56 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We seek our own self-interest instead of serving others. We glorify power and wealth instead of worshipping you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to treasure your gifts and to seek the good of all, so that we may be a blessing; 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 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (pg. 709 of OT)

Anthem *“Sing to the Lord”*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 16:1-13 (pg. 79 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

*Hymn # 466 *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 358 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Benediction

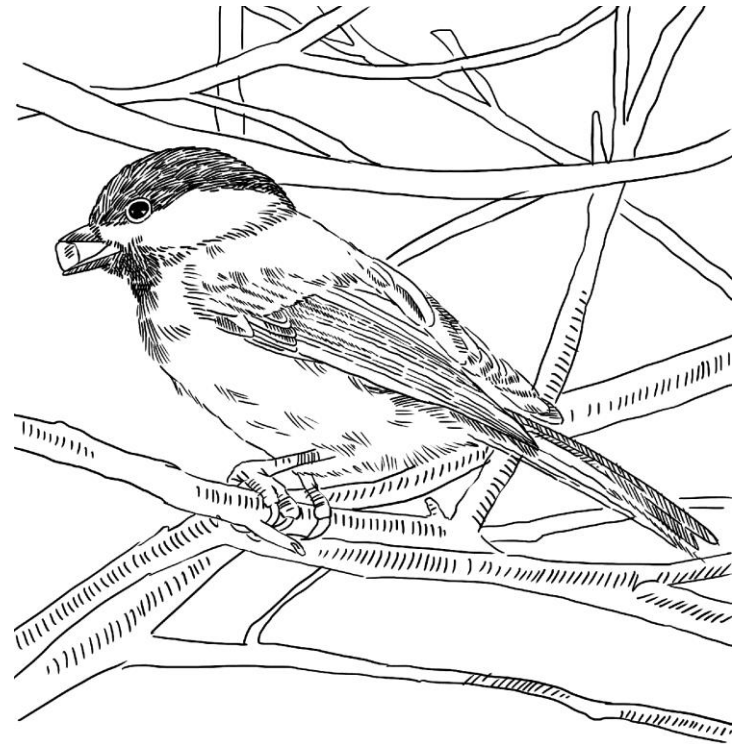
*Choral Response

*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
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study begins
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Training
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Reception in Fellowship Hall in Honor of Dr. Petersen's 60 th Year of Ordination



Whoever is faithful
in a very little
is faithful also in much ...

Luke 16:10, 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, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Bob & Vicky Doty and Jamie & Kim McKinney; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Olivia Eckenroad; 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 Tom and Janet Smith.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us. There are tasks for all skill levels.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, September 25th 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 25th 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 25th 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 26th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

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. 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.

MISSION MOMENT - *Creative thinking and partnerships feed many*
Still, there is so much that can be done beyond providing food. We at Covenant Presbyterian are advocating for more systemic approaches to food insecurity by partnering with Village Presbyterian in its computer ministry, which helps with resume writing; helping people register to vote; providing space for candidates to gather signatures to qualify for elected office; and creating a community garden and teaching about food sovereignty, nutrition and healthy meal preparation. With so many people coming through our doors for the pantry and our other programs, we saw an opportunity to do more. In early 2017, Covenant Community Health and Wellness Center opened. We brought on board a registered nurse, Laura Hyland, who serves as our faith community nurse. Hyland, along with two other community health workers who volunteer, greet people from the pantry and ask, "Do you have anything that you would like to talk about regarding your health?" In the past two years, more than 900 individuals have been assisted with their health care, taking advantage of health screenings, medical referrals, fitness and health classes. The wellness center also works to engage the community. We have convened the Southeast Kansas City Youth Coalition, focusing on alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence and suicide. Covenant Community Health and Wellness Center and our food pantry services have made a real difference in our community. And it all began with an out-of-the-box idea from a musician who simply wanted to help feed his "cats."
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