

*Praise the
LORD!
Sing to the
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a new song.*



Psalm 149.1

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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September 6, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“A Celebration of Praise”

By Doris M. Steinhart

Call to Worship (*Psalm 149*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**People: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

**People: Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn # 71 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have saved us for a purpose: You have overcome the darkness that we might embrace the light; you have defeated evil powers to make us glad and free. Yet we sin. We succumb to temptation and idolatry and miss opportunities you set before us. We neglect your presence, which is as near to us as our neighbor. Forgive our debts, O God, and teach us forgiveness. Teach us to love with determination and joy, that as children of light, we may resemble you.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Special Music

“Praise to the Almighty”
By Stralsund Gesangbuch

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Confession of 1967)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. He enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, he gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all men.

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

*Hymn # 397

“The Gift of Love”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Special Music, Organ and Piano Duets; Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Equipment Techs, Jonathan & Doug Clayton and Dennis Gould.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 7th in recognition of the Labor Day holiday.

THE FLOWERS in worship this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Nancy Campbell.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please see Pastor Monroe with any questions.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, we will return to our Regular Worship Schedule. Our worship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. for our inhouse and online service. Please see the bulletin insert for an update on Sunday School.

AFTER A LONG HIATUS, Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be physically spread out and masks will be worn. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. We will pick up with where we left off—Acts 5:17.

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING will take place as you enter or depart the sanctuary. Plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. We thank you for your faithful support of the church.

WE ARE IN NEED of volunteers to be trained to run new worship equipment. There are projection needs, sound needs and computer needs. Please contact the church office to be a part of this new venture.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	10:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
Monday		Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tuesday	11:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank Distribution
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

September 13	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of whether it is safe to gather together in classrooms, the Session and the Christian Education Committee has made the following decisions regarding our Sunday School classes.

1. Pre-School through Fifth Grade classes are postponed until further notice.
2. Jr/Sr High Sunday School Class **will begin** on September 13th at 9:45 a.m. The classroom is big enough to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required. Any questions, please contact Bobbi Monroe, teacher; Mary Anzelone, Christian Education Committee Chair; or the church office.
3. Adult Sunday School and Home Builders classes are postponed until further notice.

At-home resources for pre-school through fifth grade classes include the Children's Worship Bulletins and lessons and activities included in the newsletter. The Christian Education Committee is continuing to search for resources to help parents share faith formation with their children at home.

Adult learning will be offered at this time through the start up of our Wednesday morning Bible Study. The group will meet Wednesday mornings beginning September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Mary Anzelone, Christian Education Committee chair, Pastor Monroe or call the church office.