



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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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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

By John B. Dykes

Call to Worship (*Psalm 19*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

Leader: By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer.**

*Hymn # 471

“As the Deer”

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer. Yet we deny our need of you. You make us stewards of a wonderful world. We call it our own and misuse it. You give laws to enhance our life. We see

them as burdens tying us down. You bid us to take confidence in your love. We put stock in our accomplishments. Have mercy on us, Lord. Have mercy. Open our minds to know your truth, our hearts to rejoice in your commands, and our eyes to see the goal you set before us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20:1-20

Anthem “Come, Share the Lord” By Bryan J. Leech

Chancel Choir, Director – Cindy Borbonus

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn # 695 “As We Gather at Your Table”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 711 “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Equipment Techs, Jonathan & Doug Clayton and Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Olaf Marx by Mary Anzelone.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is the first gathering since the start of the pandemic. Deacons are asked to wear masks and sit six feet from each other as we gather. The moderator will use the sound system to lead the meeting. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet October 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be physically spread out and masks will be worn. Please respect the space of others when choosing your seat. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety guidelines will be followed throughout the rehearsal.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 8th in the parlor from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This group gathers to work on knitting, crocheting or other needlework. Bring your personal projects and come for a time of fellowship.

VOLUNTEERS continue to be needed for training on the new worship equipment. Please contact the church office to be a part of this new venture.

SEVERAL DATES are available on the 2020 flower chart. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please call the church office. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

THE 6th ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is being held again this year. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for “Coat Drive” 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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS for families in the community will be assembled by the deacons. We ask that you consider donating food items or giving a monetary contribution. Articles of food can include: canned fruit or vegetables, boxed baked goods, pie fillings, Jello, boxes of stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, just to name a few. A container will be available at the back of the church for the collection of food donations. (Please check expiration dates on items before donating them.) If you are aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact Marilyn Neal or Pastor Monroe by Monday, November 16th. Thank you for your generous help in the past, and we look forward to sharing another happy holiday with those in our community!

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon review information for the 2021 budget. Committee chairs are asked to look at your plans for next year and consider your financial needs. Changes to your budget area should be into the church office by October 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship Worldwide Communion
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Meets
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you;
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

(Chorus)

You alone are my strength my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy;
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

(Chorus)

You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King;
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything!

(Chorus)

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As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at Your table,
As we listen to Your word,
Help us know, O God, Your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve You,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, Your great compassion
To forgive as You forgave;
May we still behold Your image
In the world You died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

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Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We give you thanks before our worship cease,
And now departing, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
With you began, with you shall end the day;
Guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon your name.

Grant us Your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn all our darkness to Your perfect light;
Then, while we sleep, our hope and strength renew,
For dark and light are both alike to You.

Grant us Your peace throughout our earthly life:
Comfort in sorrow, courage in the strife;
Then, when Your voice shall make our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Your eternal peace.

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