



**Every
generous
act of giving,
with every
perfect gift,
is from above.**

James 1:17, 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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August 29, 2021 ~ 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

Call to Worship (*Psalms 15*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: Those who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbor;

**People: Those in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*Hymn # 59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
You lavish your love upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold.
You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin.
Forgive us, God of grace. Give us a new religion: to love you and
one another even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

James 1:17-27

Special Music "We are More Than Conquerors"

By Ralph Carmichael

Cindy Borbonus and Marilyn Neal

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Second Helvetic Confession)

Paul writes to us, "In Christ the only thing that counts is faith working through love." Such faith quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to him with confidence and may obtain from him what is useful and necessary. The same (faith) keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.

*Hymn # 483

"Take Time to Be Holy"

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

*Hymn # 466 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Special Music, organ and piano duets; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Kristi Eckenroad and Dennis Gould; Streaming, Olivia Eckenroad.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The group works on personal projects and fellowships. All are welcome.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8th, we will gather for Bible Study each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM. Our study will focus on the gospel of John. As we gather, we will follow CDC guidelines. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will resume on Sunday, September 12th at 9:45 a.m. Cindy Borbonus and Sheila Borbonus will teach the Elementary Class and Bobbi Monroe and Mary Anzelone will teach the Jr/Sr High Class. The Homebuilders Class will also meet. Following CDC and state guidelines, masks will be optional.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, Sunday, September 5th is our last summer schedule worship at 10:00 a.m. Beginning Sunday, September 12th, worship will begin at 11:00 a.m.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Blairsville Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday		Office Closed for Labor Day

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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“Take Time to Be Holy”

Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with your Lord;
Abide in Him always,
And feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children;
Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing
His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
Like Him you shalt be;
Your friends in your conduct
His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy,
Let Him be your Guide,
And run not before Him,
Whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
Still follow your Lord,
And looking to Jesus,
Still trust in His Word.

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“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love,
At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King,
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages for thee;
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold,
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

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