



Are any among you ...
cheerful?

They should
sing songs of praise.

JAMES 5:13, 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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September 26, 2021 ~ 11:00 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

“I Will Glory in the Cross”

Arr. by Mercer

Introit # 726

“We Praise You, O God”

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 19*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**People: 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: Moreover 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 # 17 “Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Anthem

“In this Very Room”

By Harris

The Chancel Choir – Director, Cindy Borbonus

New Testament Lesson

James 5:13-20

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on man’s inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of man’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

- *Hymn # 595 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)
Choral Amen
- *Hymn # 393 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Kim McKinney and Alan Lowman; 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 Tom and Bea Smith by Ed and Becky Bence.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship today to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and the pastoral Terms of Call for 2022.

WE WILL GATHER for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our focus is on the gospel of John. As we gather, we will follow CDC guidelines. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR is currently in need of 3 or 4 new ringers so it can ring the 3-octave music. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

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

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH will host its 2nd Annual Harvest Fall Festival October 2nd from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and October 3rd from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. All are invited to join in to help celebrate the Arrival of Fall!

PASTORAL VISITATION has been curtailed in hospitals and care facilities. Visits are often limited to family members only. If you would like the pastor to visit, please call the study at 724-459-0131 or the church office at 724-459-7991.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2022 budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin looking at your plans for next year and consider your financial needs. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

THE 7TH ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE has begun. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats for kids in need. Please mark your gifts 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 or the church office 724-459-7991.

PA 2-1-1 SOUTHWEST is a free resource and information hub that connects people with community, health, and disaster services in 11 counties through a free, 24/7 confidential phone service and website. If you have a concern or a need, dial 2 1 1 or email info@pa211sw.org and you will be connected to an organization that can help.

THE FLOWER CHART has a few remaining dates. If you would like to have a flower arrangement placed in worship on a Sunday, take time to sign up for your choice of date and note if you have a special dedication for the bulletin. Flowers arrangements are \$20 each and checks can be made payable to: Board of Deacons. Please call the church office for more information.

ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, our carpets in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be cleaned. Please allow two days for the areas to dry before planning a visit.

CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	WIC will meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Carpets to be cleaned
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Praise Him, shining stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He has made.

Praise the Lord, for He is gracious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God has made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

Edward Osler | Franz Joseph Haydn

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“They'll Know We Are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Peter Scholtes

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“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Each other's burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

Johann Hans Georg Nägeli | John Fawcett

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