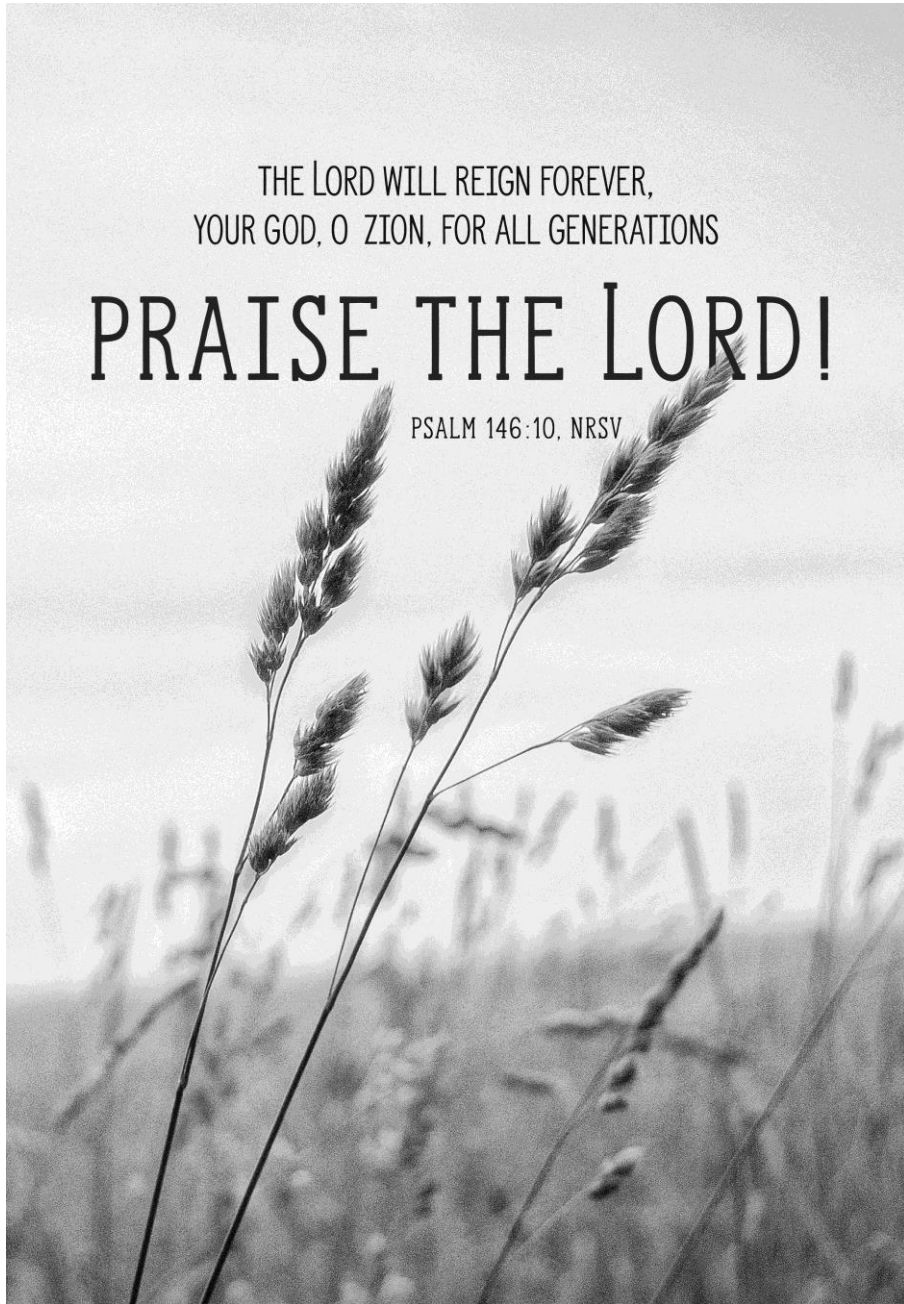


THE LORD WILL REIGN FOREVER,
YOUR GOD, O ZION, FOR ALL GENERATIONS

PRAISE THE LORD!

PSALM 146:10, 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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 5, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Arr. Jari Villanueva

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

“To God Be the Glory”

Arr. Jeff Anderson

The Blairsville Brass

Call to Worship (*Psalm 146*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**People: The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn # 728 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

James 2:1-17

Special Music “I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

Arr. Jeff Anderson

The Blairsville Brass

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn # 476

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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

*Hymn # 473

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

By Henry Purcell

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Mary Gorslene; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Special Music, The Blairsville Brass; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Austin Baker and Cole Stuchal; Streaming, Chase Stuchal.

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

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet in Fellowship Hall Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m. This will be the first meeting following the summer break.

WE WILL GATHER for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM beginning Wednesday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. We 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.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will hold its first full choir rehearsals since the pandemic on Wednesdays, September 8 & 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The choir members will be socially distanced with each ringer at their own table. Masks are required for unvaccinated ringers and any who want to wear a mask for extra protection. The bell choir is currently in need of 3 or 4 new ringers so it can ring the 3-octave music. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

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 or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE begins next Sunday, September 12th. Sunday School classes will begin at 9:45 a.m. followed at 11:00 a.m. with worship. Also, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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 Gorslene will teach the Jr/Sr High Class. The Homebuilders Class will also meet. We will be following CDC and state guidelines with regards to masks.

A PRESBYTERY RETREAT will be held Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th. Pastor Monroe and elder commissioner, Pat Swope will attend.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please keep them in prayer as they discern leaders for the class of 2024.

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will gather Thursday, September 16th at 11:00 a.m. to meet with the pastor and review the pastoral terms of call for 2022.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th immediately following worship to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and the pastoral Terms of Call for 2022.

USHERS are being scheduled for the remaining Sundays of this year. If you are willing to greet those coming in for worship and distribute bulletins, please consider signing up for a Sunday. A schedule of dates is available at the back of the sanctuary.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday		Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
		Presbytery Retreat/Meeting
Saturday		Presbytery Retreat/Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes begin
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past,
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Be now our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Your strong arm our ever sure defense;
Your true religion in our hearts increase,
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Your people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heaven-born love and grace,
And songs of praise we'll lift before Your face!

Daniel Crane Roberts | George William Warren | Lloyd Larson

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“I Need Thee Every Hour”

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, teach me thy will,
And thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Annie Sherwood Hawks | Robert Lowry

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“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

Charles Crozat Converse | Joseph Medlicott Scriven
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