

**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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May 15, 2022 ~ 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

“For I Shall See Him”

By Don Wyrzten

Introit

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

#17

**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.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 148*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon;**

**praise him, all you shining stars!**

**Praise him, you highest heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn # 23            “All Creatures of Our God and King”

\*Prayer of Confession

**O God our Creator, you have created all things to praise and glorify you, and in Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love one another. Yet we confess that we have often glorified the creature, misdirecting our devotion. We have allowed our love for one another to grow cold. Forgive us, Lord, for profaning what you sanctify, and for worshiping what should simply be enjoyed. Restore to us the gift of repentance that leads to life. Make your home among us, that we may dwell with you and with one another in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

Anthem

“In the Upper Room”

By Nagy

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, director

New Testament Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 54-55)*

What do you believe concerning “the Holy Catholic Church”?

**I believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life. Moreover, I believe that I am and forever will remain a living member of it.**

What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

**First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.**

\*Hymn # 603 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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

Choral Amen

\*Hymn # 358 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Audio/Visual and Streaming, Eli and Brylea Borbonus.

THE FLOWERS in worship this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Steve and Joan Moran.

A SESSION MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Elders are asked to enter through the lift door and meet in the second-floor conference room.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION is Tuesday and voting will be held in Fellowship Hall all day.

BIBLE STUDY will be held in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our focus is on the gospel of John. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact 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.

THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE continues to plan for the celebration this year. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Additional ideas for recognizing our anniversary are welcomed. All those interested in participating with the planning are invited to attend the meeting.

AT THE APRIL MEETING of the Session, it was moved to establish a 200th Anniversary Fund to receive donations which will be used to offset the expense of the anniversary dinner. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the dinner, please mark your gifts clearly "Anniversary Dinner" and drop them in the offering plate or mail to the church.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in mission or learning more about it, is invited to attend the meeting. Please see Lon Ferguson, chair or Pastor Monroe for more information.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION will be held during the 10:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

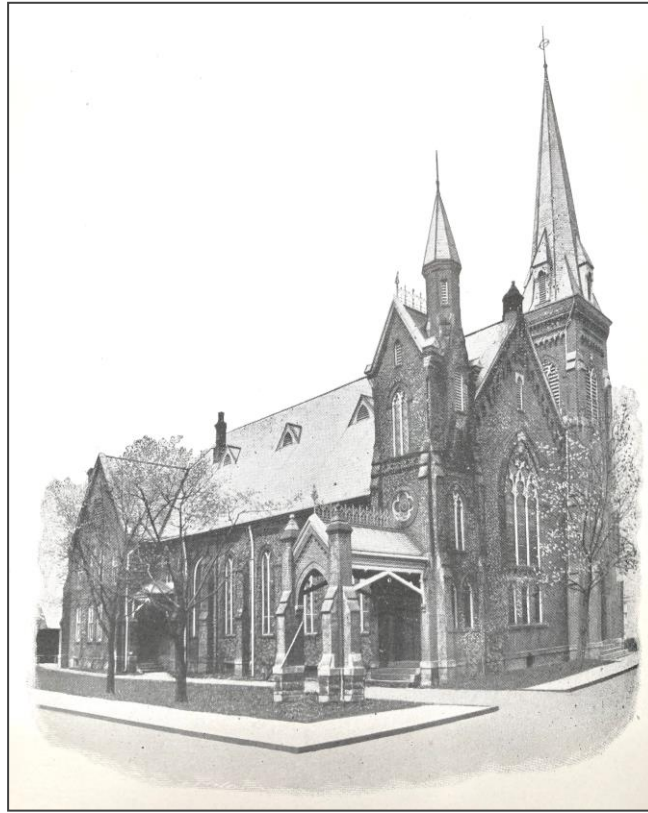
OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. **The worship hour is at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months.** Our choirs and Sunday School will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Please mark your calendars.

WE WOULD like to schedule special music for summer worship services. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing musical gifts with us on Sunday morning, please contact Cindy Borbonus or the church office, 724-459-7991.

A FEW DAYS are being reserved (weather permitting) to do some outside chores around the church building. The Property and Maintenance Committee would like to accomplish some outdoor jobs before our anniversary festivities begin. They are asking for volunteers willing to help out with weeding, mulching, planting, power washing, etc. The preliminary day is Wednesday, May 25 with Thursday and Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> as rain days. Work will be done in the evening hours to limit working in the sun. Details will be provided closer to the dates. All workers are welcome. If you have any questions, please see Pat Swope, chair or contact the church office.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>		Election-voting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
		Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Last day of Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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**Saturday, August 13**

Open House at our Church  
during the Community Knotweed Festival

**Sunday, August 14**

Church Picnic & Men with Mixers

**Saturday, September 17**

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Presentation

**Sunday, September 18**

Bicentennial Worship and Soup & Salad Lunch

**Wednesday, September 21**

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert & Reception



Rev. Donald and Lyda McClure

*(Son of the Rev. R.E. McClure,  
pastor of Calvin United Presbyterian Church)*

The 199th General Assembly (1987) designated Reverend Donald McClure an honored name. McClure was born in 1906 in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Following his graduation from Westminster College in New Wilmington in 1928, McClure received a short-term appointment from the UPCNA Board of Foreign Missions to serve as a teacher in the Sudan. After three years, he returned to the United States to attend Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, graduating in 1934. With his seminary degree in hand, McClure and his wife Lyda applied for regular foreign mission appointments and returned to the Sudan. In 1952, McClure headed the new, ten-year Anuak Project, which deployed an increased number of missionaries to work with the Anuak tribe. In 1965, he took over as general secretary for mission work in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he worked until retiring in 1971. At the request of Haile Selassie, McClure then began work in an isolated area of eastern Ethiopia as part of the Godi Community Project. On March 27, 1977, McClure and his son, fellow missionary Don McClure, Jr., went to Godi to close the mission station and transfer the work there to World Vision. Somali guerillas attacked the station while they were there, killing the senior McClure, and wounding several others.

*([www.history.pcusa.org/honored-names/reverend-donald-mcclure](http://www.history.pcusa.org/honored-names/reverend-donald-mcclure))*