

“I PRAY ALSO
**FOR THOSE WHO
WILL BELIEVE IN ME**
THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE,
**THAT ALL OF THEM
MAY BE ONE,**
FATHER,
**JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME
AND I AM IN YOU.”**

JOHN 17:20-21, NIV

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

May 29, 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

“Patriotic Medley”

By Mercer

Introit

“He Is Exalted”

#122

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 97*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

**People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**People: The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

*Hymn # 56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*Prayer of Confession

Righteous Father, you sent Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the bright morning star, to reveal your name to those in whom your love abides. We confess that we have not shown the unity by which the world may come to know your love. We have worshiped shameful images and sown discord. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse our soiled garments. Fill us with such love that abhors evil itself. Revive us with your living water, and lead us to the tree of life. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ whom you loved before the foundation of the world.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Anthem "If My People" By D. Wyrzten

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, director

Gospel Lesson John 17:20-26

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The Westminster Confession of Faith)*

All saints being united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

*Hymn # 544 "The Church's One Foundation"

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, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual and Streaming, Abigail, Elizabeth and John Bruner; ushers, Mel Woodring and Alan Lowman.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins next Sunday, June 5th. **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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION will be held during the 10:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, June 5th. It is our tradition each year to recognize the accomplishments of our young people.

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 HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Bell Room. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

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.

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 SESSION approved 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.

CAMP LAMBEC is a place for fun adventures in faith, family, and friends. If you'd like to have a great experience at camp, make new friends, enjoy our amenities, and grow in your faith, then choose the program that's right for you. Camps offered this summer include: Wet N Wild and Wetter N Wilder, Sports Camp, Music Camp, and Family Camp. Call the church office for more information.

WE HOPE YOU have been enjoying the church history that's being shared through the newsletter, bulletins and Sunday morning screens. The 200th anniversary committee continue to make plans for the celebration activities. At the last meeting, some start times were decided on. See the list below for the details. If you would like to get involved, call the church office or talk with Pastor Monroe.

200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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Sat, Aug 13, 10 AM-4 PM .....Open House at our Church  
during the Community Knotweed Festival  
Sun, Aug 14, 11 AM ..... Church Picnic & Men with Mixers  
Sat, Sep 17, 5 PM .....200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner &  
6:15 PM ..... Presentation  
Sun, Sep 18, 11 AM .....Bicentennial Worship & Soup & Salad Lunch  
Wed, Sep 21 ..... 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert & Reception

## INTERESTING HISTORY

If you ever wondered when the church started using offering envelopes to receive their tithes and offerings, this article published in the Blairsville Presbyterian newspaper in 1895 gives us some clues.

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For the benefit of those who do not understand the method of conducting the financial affairs of the church we would publish the following brief outline:

The congregation has adopted the weekly envelope system of paying subscription for the support of our own church. These subscriptions are all thrown into one general fund in the church treasury, from which all the expenses of the congregation are paid. These include Pastors' Salaries, Poor Fund, S. S. Fund, General Assembly Fund, Communion Fund and Contingent Fund. The last is for organist's salary, sexton's wages, heating, lighting, taxes, repairs, water, etc. When you make your subscription please remember that it is for all these purposes. Subscription can be paid monthly or quarterly, but it suits much better to have it weekly as provided in the plan adopted by the congregation. Place your contribution in an envelope properly marked and drop into the collection box.

Often envelopes containing from 25 to 50 cents are dropped into the boxes with no name on them. Please be careful to write name, date and amount on each envelope, for without this the treasurer cannot give you credit. Envelopes for this purpose will be found in vestibules at the doors. We also have collection each evening to replenish our poor fund which is being drawn upon to an unusual extent at present.

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## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

|                  |            |                                                  |
|------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 11:00 a.m. | Worship                                          |
| <b>Monday</b>    |            | Memorial Day – Offices Closed                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study                                      |
|                  | 5:45 p.m.  | Bell Choir Rehearsal                             |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.  | Historical Society Meeting in<br>Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2:00 p.m.  | Stitching Group                                  |

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS**

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|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>           | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Worship & Communion  |
| <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> |                   | Graduate Recognition |