Seek the things that are above, where Christ is. COLOSSIANS 3:1, ESV

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" Rev. Timothy R. Monroe 137 N. Walnut Street ~ Blairsville, PA 15717-1349 Church office 724-459-7991 e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE July 31, 2022 ~ 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 "Jesus Paid It All" By Grape/Arr. Schrader Karen Kerin

Call to Worship (*Psalm 107*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

- Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
- People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.
- Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
- People: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

*Hymn # 72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness. Our hearts are fickle, our eyes wander, and we trick ourselves into serving other gods. We speak lies, accept lies, live lies, destroying others and ourselves along the way. Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you. Embolden our trust in your faithfulness and settle your truth in our hearts.

*Assurance of Forgiveness *Gloria Patri *Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Special Music

"Draw Me Nearer" Karen Kerin

By Doane/Arr. Schrader

Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel Lesson Sermon

Luke 12:13-21 Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 84)* How is the kingdom of heaven opened and shut by the preaching of the holy gospel?

In this way: The kingdom of heaven is opened when it is proclaimed and openly testified to believers, one and all, according to the command of Christ, that as often as they accept the promise of the gospel with true faith all their sins are truly forgiven them by God for the sake of Christ's gracious work. On the contrary, the wrath of God and eternal condemnation fall upon all unbelievers and hypocrites as long as they do not repent. It is according to this witness of the gospel that God will judge the one and the other in this life and in the life to come.

*Hymn # 455 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors...") *Hymn # 466 "Take My Life and Let It Be" *Benediction *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of the McKinney family by Ron and Kim McKinney.

OUR CHURCH OPEN HOUSE (during the Community Knotweed Festival) is planned for August 13th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Our doors will be open to visitors as we present a variety of memorabilia, genealogy, sanctuary tours, vintage Blairsville postcards, Grannies crafts, refreshments and more. Setup will take place Friday, August 12th throughout the day. Bring your friends from the community and come for a "walk through history" as we celebrate our first 200 years of ministry!

COME AND JOIN us September 17th at 5:00 PM for the 200th Anniversary Catered Dinner. **RESERVATIONS** will be taken beginning **MONDAY**, **AUGUST 29TH UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND**. Please call Charlotte at 724-459-7991 **BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 8:00 PM**. Make your reservation together with those whom you would like to sit. Each table will have eight place settings. There will be a cost of \$5.00 per person which will confirm your reservation. Checks can be made payable to the church and mailed or dropped in the offering plate by Sunday, September 11th. The 200th Anniversary History Presentation will follow at approximately 6:15 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome, no reservations are necessary for the presentation. We hope you will make plans to come and celebrate with your church family!

THE 10TH ANNUAL SCHOOL ROCKS backpack giveaway will take place next today from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Verizon store at 208 Resort Plaza Drive, Blairsville. Free backpacks filled with school supplies will be given one per child while supplies last. Please call Heather Bash, 724-840-5484 for more information.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

Today	Karen Kerin
August 7	Gene Artman
August 14	
August 21	Blairsville Brass
August 28	Bob Klingensmith
September 4	The Kerin Family

OPEN HOUSE during the Community Knotweed Festival Saturday, August 13 ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Open House will include: a history display, Power Point of historic photographs, genealogy, collection of vintage Blairsville postcards, sanctuary tours, Grannies Crafts, refreshments and more.

CHURCH PICNIC & MEN WITH MIXERS AUCTION Sunday, August 14 ~ 11:00 AM

Chicken, beverage and place settings will be provided. Those attending bring a dish to share. Men with Mixers auction will be held following the meal. Men of the church will prepare their favorite dessert/baked good items to be auctioned off. The proceeds will be sent to benefit Tackle Hunger (part of Souper Bowl of Caring). A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the sanctuary for those wishing to participate.

200TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER & PRESENTATION Saturday, September 17 ~ 5:00 PM & 6:15 PM

A catered dinner will be served for a nominal fee followed by a presentation on our first 200 years in ministry. Dinner by reservation only.

BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP & LUNCHEON Sunday, September 18 ~ 11:00 AM

A special bicentennial worship service will be held including bagpipes, special music and the Blairsville Brass Ensemble. Following the service, a soup, sandwich and salad luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall.

200TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Wednesday, September 21 ~ 7:00 PM

A variety of musicians who have shared their talents with us in worship have been invited to be with us again at our 200th Anniversary Concert. All those participating will come together to form a choir to present a couple numbers. It will be a wonderful evening of praise to our God for all he's done through the years and for what he has yet to do!