

I CAN DO ALL
THINGS
THROUGH
HIM
WHO
STRENGTHENS
ME.

...
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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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August 28, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Lon Ferguson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Because He Lives”

By the Gaither’s

Call to Worship (*Psalm 139*)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

**People: If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Leader: If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night”,

**People: Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

*Hymn # 300

“In the Garden”

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 86:1-7

Special Music

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

By C. Harrington and S. Craig

Bob Klingensmith, signing

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:10-14

Message

Dianna Messinger

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn # 260

“Old Rugged Cross”

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

*Hymn # 393

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*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.

TODAY we welcome Dianna Messenger to our pulpit. Dianna will share with us how God brought her through a time of serious illness. We hope her journey will encourage others who may be going through similar experiences.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Special Music, Bob Klingensmith; Audio/Visual, Karen and John Kerin; Ushers, Terry and Barb Brown.

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.

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.

COME AND JOIN us September 17th at 5:00 PM for the 200th Anniversary Catered Dinner. **RESERVATIONS are open for OUR CONGREGATION.** Reservations open to others beginning Monday, August 29th. Friday, September 2nd is the deadline to make your reservation. 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 LORD'S SUPPER was scheduled to be shared Sunday, September 11th. It has been moved one week to Sunday, September 18th to be part of our special bicentennial worship.

A CONFIRMATION CLASS is being planned. Parents, if you are interested in your child taking part, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Monroe. Watch your weekly bulletin for more information.

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has ordered custom keepsake ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge. The ornament is in a gift box and includes a card with a brief history of the church. These are available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. Please see Linda George for an ornament or for more information.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you enjoy making a joyful noise, you're welcome to join the choir. Please see Cindy Borbonus if you have any questions or would like more information.

SAMARITANS PURSE Operation Christmas Child is a program that provides boxes of goodies to children at Christmas. Those who wish to participate fill a shoebox with age-appropriate items and can also choose to prepare the box for a girl or a boy. For those wishing to participate, we will collect filled boxes at the church. They should be brought in by October 15th. More information will be available in the coming weeks. You can also check out their website at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE begins Sunday, September 11th. The worship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and our Chancel Choir will be back with us. Our plans for Sunday School continue to be discussed. Please watch your weekly bulletins for updates.

I PETER 2:5 calls us to be “like living stones, built into a spiritual house....” That image of the church has been a watchword as we have moved closer to our 200th anniversary, and beyond. On Sunday, September 18th, we are asking each of you to bring a stone from your home to church. The stone should be about three inches in diameter. Once we have collected the stones, Jim Antis will use his creative gifts in making an “objet d’art” (French for art object) to be placed in the prayer garden. This is symbolic of our spiritual identity as a community of living stones. Texture, shape and color don’t matter, but we do ask that the size be about three inches or less across. You can bring one from each person in your household or one to represent the whole family.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Dianna Messenger
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday		Labor Day – Office Closed

200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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!

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

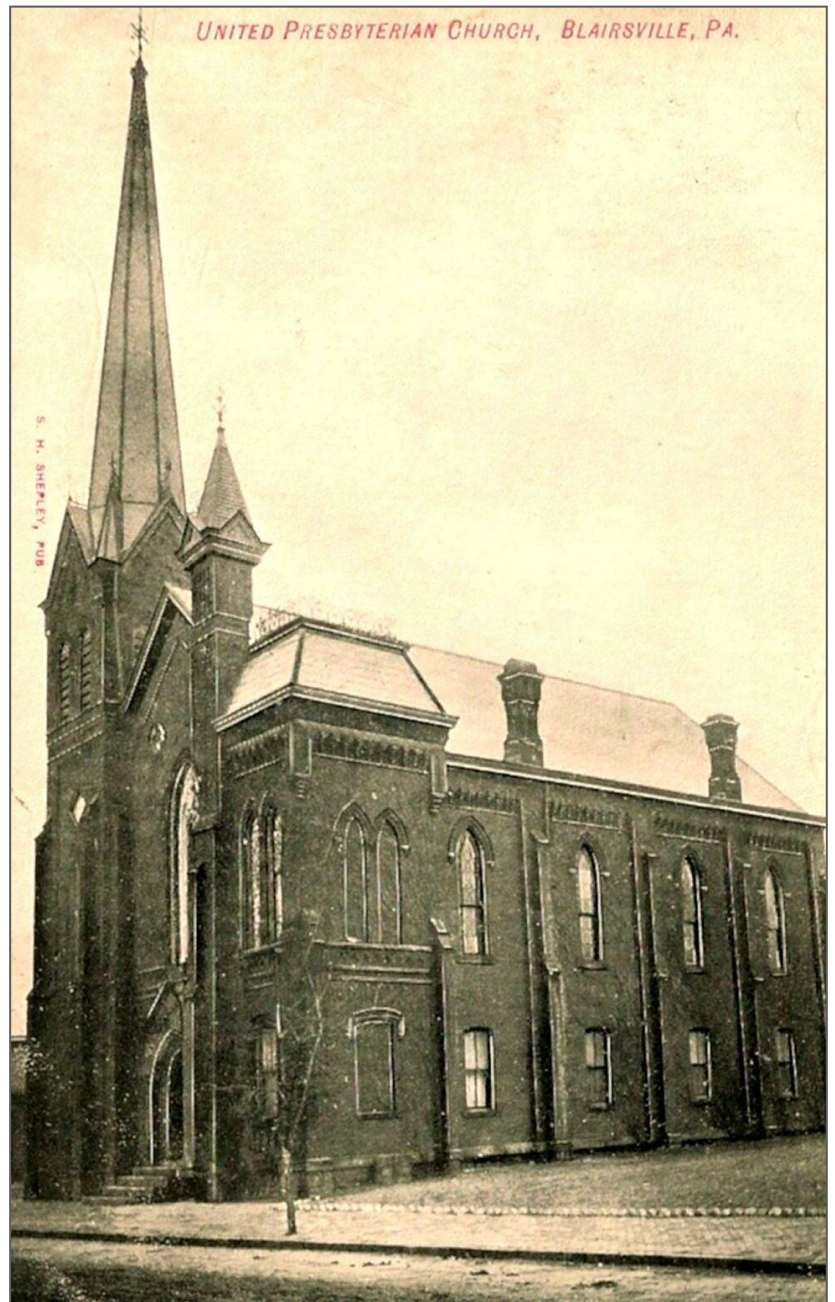
Today..... Bob Klingensmith
September 4..... The Kerin Family

New Church Dedicated.

[Special Correspondence of the Commercial Gazette.]

BLAIRSVILLE, October 10, 1878.—To-day the opening services were held in the new United Presbyterian church of our town, which was built in 1877. The old church, which was erected in 1840, was built after the old style notions, and answered the purpose of a house of worship, but when compared with other church edifices of modern times, it was very far behind the age. Accordingly the congregation resolved to build a new house, and the result is we have in our town, one among the most beautiful churches in the country outside of the cities. The church is built of brick. The style is Gothic. It is 41½ by 65 feet, two stories. The main hall is on the second floor; the ceiling is 24 feet high including the arch. The lower story is divided into a lecture or Sunday school room, and two side or class rooms with a large hall. The main hall will seat about 400 persons, and the entire room is covered with a splendid quality of carpet, and the seats which are made of ash and walnut and are then fastened down. The church room has a magnificent chandelier suspended from the center, which contains twelve burners, carbon oil being used. The cost of the building complete, is about \$7,000. The contract for the building was awarded to H. A. Elliot, of Leechburg. H. M. Hosack, of this place, built the spire. John W. Curry of Blairsville, did the plastering. Wm. Vorlage, of our town did the painting. C. C. Dunnell, of Pittsburgh, made and put in the seats, and the glazing was done by some firm of Pittsburgh. The entire work reflects a great deal of credit upon the different mechanics who performed the same.

The opening services took place to-day, commencing at 1 o'clock. The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. S. R. Ewing, of East Liberty, who took for his text, 137th Psalm, 5th and 6th verses. The sermon was a masterly production, and elicited the closest attention. On the platform we noticed Rev. S. P. Wolf, of the M. E. church: Revs. Geo. Hill and Jas. Davis, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Samuel Collins, of the Book rooms in Pittsburgh, and in the audience were Revs. Graham and McLain, of the U. P. church, and Rev. T. B. Ewing, of the Blairsville Female Seminary. After the session short addresses were delivered by each of the clergymen, after which a subscription was passed around, and over \$1,000 obtained. There is still a small indebtedness, but it is believed that enough money will be contributed during the present month to pay the entire amount and beautify the yard and surroundings.



In the Garden

Ab Eb Ab Eb Bb Ab7 C Db

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a - round me be

Ab Eb7 Ab C Eb Ab

ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Bb7 Gm Bb7 Eb Ab Eb7 Refrain Ab

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

Eb7 Bb Eb7 Eb9 Ab

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

Ab C7 Fm Ab7 Eb Db Ab Eb Eb7 Ab

joy we share, as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

The Old Rugged Cross

B \flat B \flat dim7 B \flat E \flat *Adim* E \flat C

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the
 2 O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

F7 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ F7 B \flat B \flat dim7 B \flat

em - blem of suf - fer - ing and shame; and I love that old cross, where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his
 won - drous beau - ty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; then he'll call me some day to my

E \flat *Adim* E \flat C F7 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ F7 B \flat *Refrain* F F7

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry a - bove to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher - ish the
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

B \flat B \flat dim7 $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ E \flat B \flat

old rug - ged cross, till my tro - phies at last I lay down; I will
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

B \flat E \flat $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ F7 B \flat

cling to the old rug - ged cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

“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.