

Pursue righteousness, godliness, FAITH, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11 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 September 25, 2022 \sim 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

Moment for Mission Bobbi Monroe

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Let's Just Praise the Lord" By Gaither

Introit "Blessed Assurance" # 426

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit,

Washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

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Call to Worship (Psalm 91)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

People: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know my name.

People: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

*Hymn # 438

All:

"On Eagles' Wings"

*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

New Testament Lesson

I Timothy 6:6-19

Anthem

"We Are So Blessed"

Arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

Message

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Larger Catechism, Q.90)

What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on his right hand, and, there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with him in the judging of reprobate angels and men; and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joy; made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible Church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

*Hymn # 419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors...")

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *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 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, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual, Karen and John Kerin.

A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of JoAnn Lewis by Jeff Lewis and Pam Irwin.

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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship today to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2023 Pastoral Terms of Call.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for everyone. All are invited.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM. We hope you will join us.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining with the Bell Choir is welcome. Please see Vicky Westley for more information.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday 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.

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 FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2023 church budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin planning for next year and consider your financial needs. If you have any questions or would like additional information that would help your planning process, please contact the church office. THE 8th ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is now underway. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coats" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

SAMARITANS PURSE Operation Christmas Child is a program that provides boxes of goodies to children at Christmas. For those wishing to participate, we will collect filled boxes at the church. They should be brought in by October 15th. Information on how to pack a box and what type of items to include for a girl or a boy of a certain age group are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Labels are also available to place on your box.

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has custom keepsake ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge 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.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Linda George or the church office.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will return this year. (We had to cancel the last 2 years due to COVID mandates.) This year our dinner will be served Sunday, November 20th immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation and let us know what dish you might bring to share or how you might help with the dinner. Also, we are in need of turkey bakers. If you would be willing to roast a turkey for the dinner, please see Tammy or Brent Ritchie. The birds will be provided, we just need bakers.

A CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held this fall. Meeting dates, times and additional information will be available soon. Parents, if you are interested in your child taking part or if you would like additional information, please contact the church office or Pastor Monroe.

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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained and then will be scheduled once a month to operate the equipment. Please see Jean Heberling, Doug Clayton or contact the church office if you are interested.

IF YOU NOTICE SOMETHING around the church facility that needs fixed, please refer the matter to the Property & Maintenance Committee via the church office. Either place a note in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. The secretary will forward the concern to the chair of the committee. Please be very specific as to what the problem is, so that the issue can be addressed. Thank you.

HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH will host a Community Music Festival featuring the Waymasters Gospel Group Saturday, October 1st from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Pattersons Country Cookin food truck will be on site. You are invited to join them for an evening of great music and a hymn sing.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today 11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday 9:00 a.m. Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study meets in Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

Peace & Global Witness Offering