



Whoever  
does not carry  
their cross and  
follow me cannot  
be my disciple.

Luke 14:27, 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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September 4, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude

“Praise Medley”

The Kerin Family

Call to Worship (*Psalms 139*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

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: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made.**

**Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

\*Hymn # 56 “Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above”

\*Prayer of Confession

**O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Special Music

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

By Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

The Kerin Family

Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

Message

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## 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 # 486

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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

\*Hymn # 474

“I Surrender All”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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**OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE begins Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

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, Mary Gorslene; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Special Music, the Kerin Family; Audio/Visual, Brylea Borbonus and Doug Clayton.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Nancy Boone.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is our first meeting back after the summer break.

BIBLE STUDY will begin at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Our study will finish the gospel of John and then move on to the book of Revelation. We hope you can attend.

THE BELL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining with the Bell Choir is welcome. Please see Vicky Westley for more information.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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 NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Please keep this group in your prayers as they discern God's will for our leadership in the coming year.

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 talk with Pastor Monroe.

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has ordered custom keepsake ornaments of the church from Wendall August Forge. 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. The ornaments will also be available at the catered dinner and the church luncheon following the anniversary service.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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.



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

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### **ANNIVERSARY CATERED DINNER & HISTORY 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.

### **200<sup>TH</sup> 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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 WORSHIP SCHEDULE ENDS:**

**Sunday** 10:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday** Labor Day – Office Closed

**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

**Tuesday** 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

**Wednesday** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study begins

6:00 p.m. Historical Society 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

6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting in  
the church parlor

6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting

**Sunday** 11:00 a.m. Worship

First Presbyterian Church  
Annual Children's Day Program

June 8, 1958

11:00 A.M.

Processional Hymn - Congregation - No. 149  
Devotions - Beginner and Primary Departments  
"Church Bells"

"Father, We Thank Thee"  
"Very Softly"  
"This is God's House"

Welcome! It's Children's Day - Beginners

Cindy George, Debbie Blazek, David Dunlap, Ronnie Lowman, Lynn McCombs, Sandy Barnhart, Ronnie Baker, Marjie Baker, Bobbie Fitzgerald, Michelle Wagner, Ruthy Robinson, Debbie Sims, Dennis Gould.

Songs: "Help my Eyes" "A Sunbeam" -- Beginners and Primaries

Nature is so Lovely - Beginners

Janet Ross, Barbara Williams, Betty Mae Geary, Dennis Irwin, Susan Day, Cindy Trimble, Connie Dunlap, Mark Moore.

Songs: "Jesus Loves Me" "Trust and Obey" -- Beginners

Offertory: "For the beauty of the Earth" - Mrs. Bothwell's Class

"All things bright and beautiful" - Mrs. Luchsinger's Class.

Prayer - Marcia Folckemer

"We bring our Gifts" - Beginners and Primaries

Solo - "To learn of him" - Cheryl Williams

STORIES THE PRIMARIES HAVE LEARNED:

Song - Mrs. Luchsinger's Class

1. Jesus and the Children - Mrs. Palmer's Class

Scripture - Matthew 19: 13-15

Song - "Let the Children Come" - Cheryl Williams

2. Jesus and Zaccheus - Mrs. Gould's Class

Scripture - John 3:16 - Jane Dunlap

Matthew 4:23 - Pamela Long

Luke 19: 2-10

Song - "I Love to Tell the Story" - Mrs. Bothwell's Class

3. Jesus and a Sick Man - Mrs. Luchsinger's Class

Scripture - Luke 5: 18-25

Song "How Can We follow Jesus" - Mrs. Luchsinger's Class

Lord's Prayer - violin, Susan Luchsinger and class

LIVING WHAT WE LEARN - Beginners

Jackie Ferguson, Beth Ann Dunlap, Ronnie Byron, Linda McCombs, Jimmie Joyner, Yvonne Rankin, Betsy Book, Bobby Robinson, Marnie Schaeffer, Johnie Trimble,

Kenny Doak, Pamela Williams, Dian George, Tommy Holby

Songs: "I Like to Think of Jesus" "Smiles" -- Beginners and Primaries

Benediction - Rev. L. E. Schaeffer

Recessional Hymn - Congregation -- No. 198

COMMITTEE: Mrs. Sam Barnhart, Miss S. Augusta Turner, Mrs. Gail McCombs, Mrs. William Luchsinger, Mrs. William Palmer, Mrs. Fred Gould, Jr., Mrs. Ray Byron, Mrs. Michael Thomas, Mrs. Walter Miller, Marjorie Lintner, Wilma Jean George, Mary Jane George.

USHERS: Robert Barnhart, Pat Murray, Lynn Coyne, Lee Schaeffer, Jr.

Monday, 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop No. 54 7:15 P.M. Girl Scout Troop No. 38

Tuesday, 8:00 P.M. Abigail Hill Missionary Society. At the home of Mrs. Frances Coleman, Co-hostess, Mrs. H. C. Coy. Devotions, Mrs. Raymond Fleming.

Wednesday, 2:30 P.M. Women's Missionary Society. At the Church. Devotions, Mrs. H. L. Gormley - "Doctor Luke - and the social outcasts." Program, Miss R. Wallace Cunningham. Topic, "Christ, the Church and Race."

7:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal NOTE - closing session of Communicants' Class postponed.

Thursday, 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop No. 61 Friday, 7:15 P.M. Boy Scouts No. 4

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES to our college graduates: Joan Gould from Westminster College and Mrs. Karen Hoover from Indiana State Teachers College.

Sunday, June 22nd, 11:00 A.M. The examination and reception of the Communicant Class members and the awarding of the Silliman Crosses.