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### 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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May 28, 2023 ~ 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" Arr. Mercer

Introit "Let There Be Praise" # 54

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts. Sing to the Lord, give Him the glory;

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

# Forevermore let His love fill the air, and let there be praise.

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Call to Worship (Psalm 104)

Pam Irwin, Liturgist

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom,

you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: These all look to you to give them their food in due season:

Leader: When you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works -

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the Lord.

\*Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us in every language, but we refuse to heed your Word. You pour out the gifts of your Spirit, but we try to contain your grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Breathe upon us with your mercy and fill us with the power to proclaim the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson Numbers 11:24-30

Anthem "In the Upper Room" Arr. Nagy

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

- \*Doxology
- \*Prayer of Dedication
- \*Hymn # 492 "Spirit of the Living God"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament) (Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

- \*Hymn # 461
- "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Response
- \*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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 copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* 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, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our study will continue in the book of Revelation.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The choir is currently in need of additional ringers. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will take a break for the summer months. We will host guest musicians and have Special Music during worship beginning in June. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent for our worship service, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

We would like to thank Reverend Tim for the beautiful service and prayers for our sister, Judy Trimble. We would like to thank the kind people who prepared the food and to the church choir for all their support, kind stories and lovely flowers.

Rhonda Rabic & Wendy Trimble

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office. More information to follow.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins next Sunday, June 4th. The worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Our choirs will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Mark your calendars.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained. Please see Doug Clayton if interested.

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Today** 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

Pentecost Sunday

**Monday** Office Closed – Memorial Day

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

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday** 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** 

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