



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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July 23, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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

The Kerin Family

Call to Worship (*Psalm 139*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

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

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

People: You discern my thoughts from far away.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

People: See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Hymn # 71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You have claimed us as beloved children, but we forget that we belong to you alone. You have given us the Spirit of freedom, but we fall back into the spirit of fear. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us bear good fruit in the Spirit and a sign of your new creation, 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

Romans 8:12-25

Special Music

The Kerin Family

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

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 # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 719

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*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 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, Mary Anzelone; Special Music, The Kerin Family; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

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

THE GRANNIES will gather in Fellowship Hall Monday at 9:00 a.m. and will work until 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships. If you enjoy needlework, you're invited to bring a project you're working on and join the group.

VOLUNTEERS to assist during the worship service are always needed. There are a variety of ways you can become involved as an assistant. Call the office if interested.

Usher/Greeter—welcome those coming in for worship and hand them a bulletin; answer questions; and bring the offering plate forward.

Liturgist—assist the minister, from the pulpit, by leading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and reading the first scripture

Audio-Visual Tech—after training, take your turn in rotation to run the sound and slides from the balcony during worship, and live-stream the service for those at home.

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.

Thank you so much for the Study Bible and for recognizing me. I really appreciated it.

Cole Stuchal

TEAM HOPE has been meeting for the last eighteen months, discerning and dreaming together about a path forward for Kiskiminetas Presbytery. They have developed a plan and structure for the Presbytery that will meet the needs of congregations and make sure not to put undue stress on pastors. You are invited to attend one of the cluster gatherings to ask questions, get more information about the plan, and help the Team with your feedback. Members of Team Hope will be present at each gathering. Anyone who is a member of the congregation is invited to attend. Dates and locations of the gatherings are listed:

Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.....Shelocta Church
Monday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m.....Beechwoods Church
Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m..... First Church, Clarion
Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. Appleby Manor Church
Monday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.....Punxsutawney Church

Please RSVP to the Presbytery Office via email at kiski@kiskipby.org or via phone at 724-783-7196.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

July 23.....The Kerin Family
July 30..... Adam Loucks
August 6 Angela Lyons
August 13 Matthew Cyphert
August 20Blairsville Brass

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Saturday		Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship