



**SO IT WILL BE AT THE  
END OF THE AGE. THE  
ANGELS WILL COME OUT  
AND SEPARATE THE EVIL  
FROM THE RIGHTEOUS.**

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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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July 30, 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

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

By Robert Lowry – Comp. Alfred V. Fedak

Adam Loucks, soloist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 105*)

Pam Irwin, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those  
who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

**People: He is the Lord our God;  
his judgements are in all the earth.  
He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded,  
for a thousand generations.**

\*Hymn # 50

“Great Is the Lord”

\*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We devote ourselves to small things while you work for a greater purpose. We distract ourselves with grand designs while you surprise us with hidden wonders. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may know your will, seek your way, and share your work, 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 8:26-39

Special Music

“We Walk By Faith”

By Henry Alford and Karen Marroli

Adam Loucks, soloist

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 52)*

What comfort does the return of Christ “to judge the living and the dead” give you?

**That in all affliction and persecution I may await with head held high the very Judge from heaven who has already submitted himself to the judgment of God for me and has removed all the curse from me; that he will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but he shall take me, together with all his elect, to himself into heavenly joy and glory.**

\*Hymn # 505 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

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 # 408 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*(\*All who are able, please stand)*

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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; Special Music, Mr. Adam Loucks; 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 Russell Harvey by Sue Harvey and family.

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.

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.

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.

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](mailto:kiski@kiskipby.org) or via phone at 724-783-7196.

### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

- August 6 ..... Angela Lyons
- August 13..... Matthew Cyphert
- August 20.....Blairsville Brass

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship