



**Come to me,  
all who labor and  
are heavy laden,  
and I will  
give you rest.**

**Matthew 11:28**

**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 9, 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

“Love was When”

Arr. Mickelson/Wyrtsen

Pam Irwin, Organ – Cindy Borbonus, Piano

Call to Worship (*Psalm 45*)

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: My heart overflows with a goodly theme;

I address my verses to the king.

**People: In your majesty ride on victoriously**

**for the cause of truth and to defend the right.**

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

**People: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;**

**you love righteousness and hate wickedness.**

Leader: With joy and gladness they are led along

as they enter the palace of the king.

**People: I will cause your name**

**to be celebrated in all generations;**

**therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

\*Hymn # 66

“To God Be the Glory”

\*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You gave your law to guide us but we remain enthralled by evil. We do the very things we claim to hate, and fail to do the things we say we love. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. From sin and death, set us free – free to love and serve you alone, 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 7:15-25a

Special Music

“The Lord Is My Light”

*Based on Psalm 27*

Arr. Mickelson/Wyrtsen

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Westminster Confession of Faith)*

**All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ: enlightening their minds, spiritually and savingly, to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them an heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by his almighty power determining them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 474

“I Surrender All”

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 # 473 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
Graduate Recognition  
\*Benediction  
\*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, Dennis Gould; 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 our sisters by Patrick and Janeen Swope.

A TIME for recognizing the accomplishments of our graduates will be held today during worship. This year we celebrate with one graduate, Cole Stuchal who recently finished his high school career at River Valley School District. Congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors!

THE ICCAP FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence in the Blairsville Borough.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC during worship is being scheduled throughout the summer months. 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 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. All requests are kept in confidence unless permission is given to share with others.

KEEPSAKE ORNAMENTS of the church from Wendall August Forge are still available to purchase at a cost of \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the church. Please see Linda George or contact the church office for more information.

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.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion Graduate Recognition
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship

## **SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE**

July 30.....	Adam Loucks
August 6.....	Angela Lyons
August 13.....	Matthew Cyphert
August 20.....	Blairsville Brass