



SEEK THE LORD
AND HIS STRENGTH;
SEEK HIS PRESENCE
CONTINUALLY.

PSALM 105:4, NRSV

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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August 13, 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

“In the Garden”

By C. Austin Miles – Arr. by Mark Hayes

Matthew Cyphert, soloist

Call to Worship (*Psalm 105*)

Barb Brown, 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.**

**All: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

*Hymn # 82 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. In
fear, we conspire against those whose dreams might threaten**

ours. In fear, we fail to recognize the very one who comes to save us. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we do not sink back into fear, but walk boldly in faith, 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 10:5-15

Special Music “There Is a Balm in Gilead”
Traditional Spiritual - Arr. by Mark Hayes
Matthew Cyphert, soloist

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The Second Helvetic Confession)*

Christian faith is not an opinion or human conviction, but a most firm trust and a clear and steadfast assent of the mind, and then a most certain apprehension of the truth of God presented in the Scriptures and in the Apostles' Creed, and thus also of God himself, the greatest good, and especially of God's promise and of Christ who is the fulfilment of all promises.

But this faith is a pure gift of God which God alone of his grace gives to his elect according to his measure when, to whom and to the degree he wills. And he does this by the Holy Spirit by means of the preaching of the Gospel and steadfast prayer.

*Hymn # 569 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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 # 56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*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, Barb Brown; Special Music, Mr. Matthew Cyphert; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

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

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

THE SESSION will gather for a meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Information packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

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. All requests are kept confidential unless permission is given to share with others.

TEAM HOPE has been meeting 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 a cluster gathering to ask questions, get more information about the plan, and help the Team with your feedback. Members of Team Hope will be present. There is one remaining meeting:

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

August 13Matthew Cyphert
August 20 Blairsville Brass

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday	12:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship

First Saturday...

is a Christian Education program that we would like to organize for students in grades K-6. As its name indicates, the program would be held the first Saturday of each month. Gatherings would include a mix of Bible stories, games, crafts, science projects, snacks and lots of fun!

At this time, we are seeking feedback and ask those interested in helping to organize and work with the program to contact the church office at 724-459-7991 or email upchurch@r-church.com. Once we have a group of volunteers, a meeting will be scheduled to plan the program. We are hoping to have helpers from our youth and adult age groups. Please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this Christian Education endeavor. Thank you.