



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 25, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: May the love of God, the grace of Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

Response of Praise

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, O for you.**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Arr. Smith-Hustad

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us begin with a moment of remembrance.

**People: We remember all who paid the ultimate sacrifice
for the sake of others.**

Leader: Let us offer our thanksgiving.

**People: We thank God for brave men and women
who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy.**

Leader: May God's name be worshipped and praised forever.

People: We worship God with all that we are.

*Hymn

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

731

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know everything about us. Nothing is hidden from you. Therefore, we come before you admitting the depths of our sinfulness. Forgive us, loving God. Restore us to a right relationship and place a right spirit within us. In Jesus' precious name. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:6-11

Anthem

"Jesus Is Calling America"

Arr. Peterson

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

John 15:13-14

Sermon

"No Greater Love"

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

730

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"God Bless America"

*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, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Bob and Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim and Sally Bence by Ed and Becky Bence.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, May 26th in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday.

THE KIDS CLOSET will be closed this Monday for the holiday. During the summer months, the closet will not be opened every Monday. Watch your bulletins for days and times.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. Our bell choir is looking for new ringers. If you would like to try ringing a bell, contact Vicky Westley.

BIBLE STUDY will not meet this week however, we will continue meeting through the summer months. If you are considering attending, we usually meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. or Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins next Sunday. The worship hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and Adult Sunday School will break for the summer. Our Chancel Choir will be in recess.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by members of 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 at 724-459-7991.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

PENTECOST SUNDAY is June 8th. We ask everyone to wear red to worship to celebrate the day.

SEATS are still available for the trip to Pittsburgh for a Pirates Baseball Game Friday, June 20th. Cost is \$50/person and includes game ticket, bus, \$5.00 food voucher and driver tip. It will be a later return as there are fireworks after the game. If you would like to attend the game, please complete the bulletin insert. We have extended the signup time to try and fill up the bus.

ACTIVITY BAGS have been prepared for our Young Disciples. Children are invited to pick one up on their way into worship. Please return your bag at the end of the service.

THE ANIMAL RESCUE in Homer City will host a fundraiser spaghetti dinner June 8th from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at the Black Lick Fire Hall. There will also be a basket raffle. The community is invited. All proceeds benefit the Animal Rescue.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in serving as a liturgist for worship, please see Elaine Jellison or contact the church office.

SPECIAL MUSIC will be scheduled for our worship service. If you or someone you know would like to share musical talents during a worship service, please contact Cindy Borbonus or the church office.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship
Monday	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m. Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

Sunday	Sunday School in recess
	10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

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