



**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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June 15, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: The love of God, the grace of Christ Jesus,  
and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

**People: And also with you.**

Response of Praise # 66 refrain

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done.**

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**People: We serve the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come into his presence with singing.

**People: We sing with joy, for we know  
of the Lord's goodness.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**His steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Hymn "This Is My Father's World" # 21

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we come before you in this moment acknowledging  
that we are often focused on outward appearance while ignoring  
the sin that is within us. We confess that we are more concerned**

**with the failings of others rather than the true condition of our hearts. Forgive us, O God, for the times we have failed to align our will with yours. Take what is broken in us and restore it. Take what is wrong and make it right. Empty us of ourselves and fill us with your grace. In Jesus' name. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

### **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103:13-14

Special Music

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 6:4

Sermon

“A Father’s Strength”

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Hymn

“We All Are One in Mission”

# 552

\*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, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Tom and Janet Smith, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Kim McKinney.

THE FLOWER ARRANGMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of the Stuchal family by Gary and Barri Stuchal.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the men of the church who encourage us in our faith!

THE ELDERS will gather for dinner and a Session meeting Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the manse. Packets for the meeting can be picked up today in the church parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. ZOOM access is available to those who want to join us from home. Please call the church office for details. 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.

PITTSBURGH BOUND! Those attending the Pirate Baseball Game are asked to be at the church parking lot across the street Friday by 4:15 p.m. The bus will pull out promptly at 4:30 p.m. Please remember a debit or credit card for any purchases as the park is a cashless venue.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST is Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at Dean's Diner for breakfast and fellowship. All are invited.

THE BLAIRSVILLE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL is back June 26-29, 2025, and this summer, we're celebrating Blairsville's Bicentennial! Join us for an unforgettable weekend of world-class chamber music as we honor 200 years of Blairsville's history. We will host a community concert in the sanctuary Sunday, June 29th at 1:00 PM. Make plans to attend!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK! As the weather is warming up and summer is setting in, we have planned an outdoor worship service. Mark your calendars! Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> we will gather for worship at pavilion #2 at Pine Ridge Park. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. as usual. Following the service, we will stay for a church picnic. We ask you to bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided.

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

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual/streaming equipment in the balcony Sunday mornings. Please see Doug Clayton if you are interested. Training is available.

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

#### SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

- June 22 The Nightengals
- June 29 Adam Loucks
- July 6 Betsy Holby
- July 13 The Kerin Family
- August 3 The Otter Creek Brass
- August 10 The Nightengals
- August 17 Abigail Bruner
- August 24 Angela Lyons
- August 31 Matt Cyphert

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.

THE DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY needs restocked, and the Deacons are asking the congregation for donations of: pasta sauce; pasta noodles; canned tuna; peanut butter; jelly; mac-n-cheese; flavored noodle and rice packets; apple sauce; and canned fruit. You may leave your donations in the box at the back of the Church.

OUR BLESSING BOX has been used often since it was installed. Although the Deacons are in charge of replacing personal care items in the box each week, the Blessing Box is a church wide project. We were thankful to receive quite a few donated items initially, and since then some Deacons have also donated numerous items. We are currently in need of body wash, shampoo, cream rinse, shaving cream, razors and deodorant. We have a donation box under the table in the back of the sanctuary and encourage the congregation to join us and also donate to this ongoing community ministry.

SAVE THE DATES! We are planning to have a weekend Bible School Program, August 1—3. Consider how you can help. More details to come!!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: There is no greater peace than knowing that salvation is secure—not because of anything we do, but because of God's unwavering faithfulness and sovereignty. Throughout scripture, we see promises that affirm the certainty of eternal life for those who belong to Christ.

During our summer sermon series, we will explore questions like:

- \* "Can I lose my salvation?"
- \* "What if I stumble in my walk of faith?"
- \* "Am I truly safe forever in God's hands?"

It is my hope, as we journey through God's truths, we may find not only assurance, but a deeper joy and an unshakeable love of God.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Father's Day
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Session Dinner and Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	4:30 p.m.	Depart for the Pirate Game
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Dean's Diner
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship