



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 17, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Liturgist, Dennis Gould

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

Arr. Mercer

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who feel alone, forgotten, or unsure.

People: God is here – faithful in every moment.

Leader: Come, all who rejoice and give thanks.

People: God rejoices with us and receives our praise.

Leader: In all seasons, through all things,

People: We worship the One who never leaves us.

*Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come before you admitting what you already know – we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us. Restore us to a right relationship and free us from the bondage of our sins. This we pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sharing of the Peace

Special Music

“Who’s Gonna Stand in the Gap”

By The Ball Brothers

Abigail Bruner

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson		Isaiah 5:1-7
Hymn	“In the Garden”	# 300
Scripture Lesson		Psalms 80:8-19
Sermon	“Joy”	Clark Bruner

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 “How Firm a Foundation” # 411

*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 Guest Speaker, Clark Bruner; Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Special Music, Abigail Bruner; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of our 66th wedding anniversary by Lee and Bunny Ednie.

THE KIDS CLOSET will be open Mondays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. during the month of August. Volunteers are welcome to help with sorting donation items and or appointments. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Lynnette Borbonus or Lindsay Barto.

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. All are welcome.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP in the church yard is planned for next Sunday, August 24th at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. Come rain or shine. In case of rain, we will worship in Fellowship Hall. Following worship we will enjoy a potluck picnic and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverage and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!! Our regular schedule begins Sunday, September 7th. The worship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and our Chancel Choir will return. It's the perfect time to start something new by joining the choir. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We hope to see you there! For more information, see Cindy Borbonus.

4-H is having a Pull Tab Competition. Aluminum pull tabs from your favorite beverages will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The club with the most tabs by weight will win a pizza party. Tabs will be received through Friday, September 5th. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary for any donations. Please see Connie Bruner for more information.

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.

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 to the back after the service.

DONATIONS of food items for the Deacon Food Pantry and personal hygiene items for the Blessing Box will continue to be received. Please place your gifts at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Clark Bruner
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Deacons Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship in the church yard
	11:00 a.m.	Potluck Picnic