



**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 3, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Arr. Aaron Weitekamp

The Otter Creek Brass

Opening Prayer

Liturgist, Jean Heberling

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy, all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name.

**People: We offer our praises to God.**

Leader: Come into God's presence with a joyful noise.

**People: We enter his gates with thanksgiving.**

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness.

**People: Praise be to God forever and ever.**

\*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, forgive us of all our sins, for they are many. May your mercy and grace fall upon us, restoring us to a right relationship with you. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

VBS Kids Song

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 6:10-18

Sermon "Armor of God: Fighting the Battle"  
Rev. John Manon

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
Arr. Aaron Weitekamp

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory "I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"  
Arr. Jeff Anderson

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" # 405

\*Benediction

*\*Please have a seat for the postlude*

Postlude "Will the Circle Be Unbroken"  
Arr. Jeff Anderson

(\*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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who volunteered to make our Vacation Bible School Program a success. Thank you to the parents who brought their children and to the kids for their energy and participation.

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, Jean Heberling; Special Music, VBS Kids and the Otter Creek Brass; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

WE WELCOME the Otter Creek Brass as our guest musicians this morning. Please be sure to greet them before you leave.

THE ELDERS are asked to stay for a brief Session meeting following worship today to consider a couple property items. We will gather in the parlor.

THE KIDS CLOSET will be open every Monday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. beginning in 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.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. ZOOM access is available to those who want to join from home. Please call the church office for details.

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.

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.

### ECCLESIASTES SERMON SERIES

Ecclesiastes is an introspective book of the Bible that wrestles with the true meaning of life, human wisdom, and the pursuit of worldliness. In all this, there is a quietness that comes from trusting God among the absurdities of human nature. In this book, we find a refreshing honesty pointing us toward an eternal hope.

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

August 10 The Nightengals

August 17 Abigail Bruner

August 24 Angela Lyons

August 31 Matt Cyphert and Jim Sykes

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 5<sup>th</sup>. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary for any donations. Please see Connie Bruner for more information.

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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE KNOTWEED FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. The day begins with a parade at 10:00 a.m. Our church will participate in the parade and have a tent set up for the day. If you are interested in participating, please see Erica Ash.

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Christian Ed wing at the end of the hallway. A light dinner will be served followed by the meeting.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP in the church yard will be held Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Following worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverage and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chair. In case of rain, we will worship and eat in Fellowship Hall. Come rain or shine!

WE ARE RECEIVING used egg cartons. Jan Campbell has been very kind to donate several dozens of fresh eggs from her chickens to the Blairsville Food Bank. As a help to her, we welcome your used egg cartons. She prefers the cardboard cartons but any would be appreciated.

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:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Deacons Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons 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>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Blairsville Knotweed Festival
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship