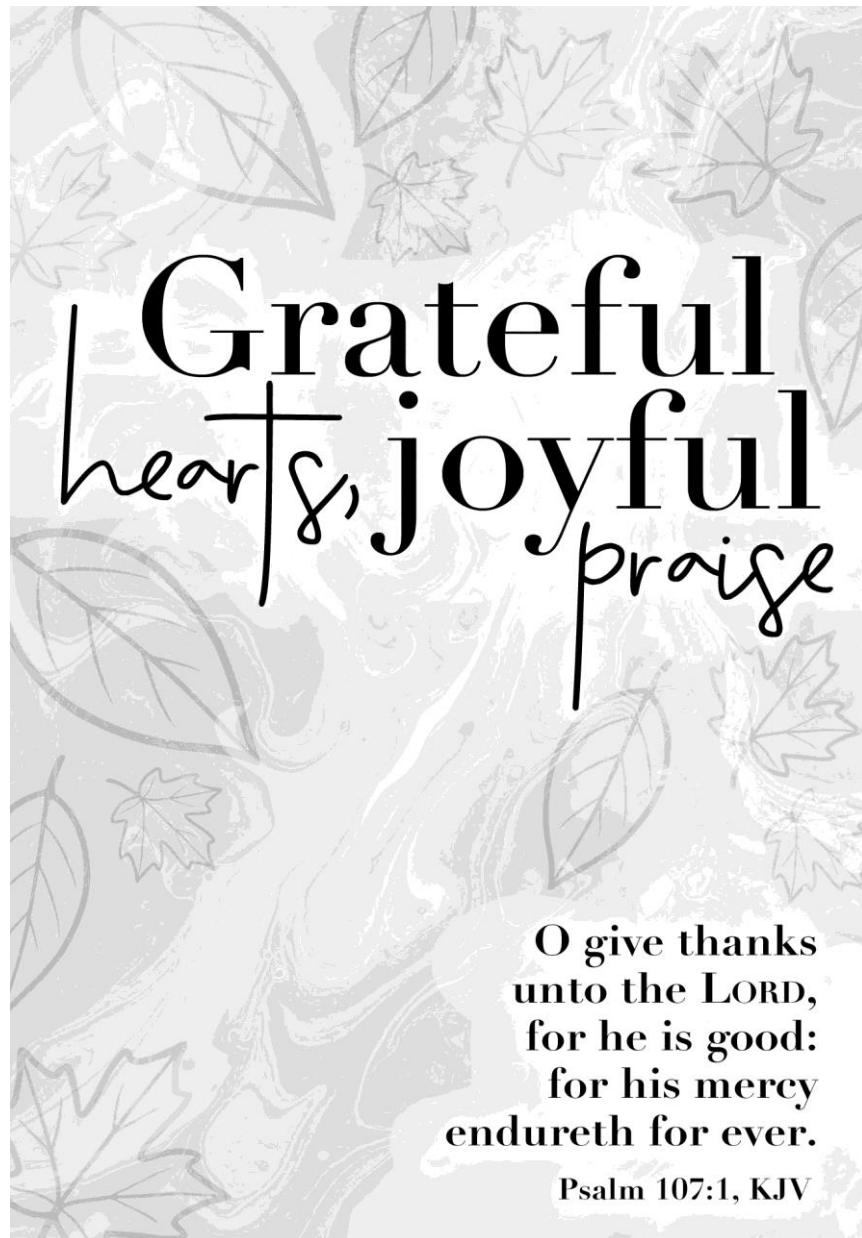




THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*"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 2, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Welcome

Liturgist, Dennis Gould

Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

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*Call to Confession

We come before God not to be shamed, but to be restored. Let us bring our whole selves before God honestly, purposefully and expectantly. May we now join our voices in the Prayer of Confession.

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess now the many ways we have sinned against you and your word – the sharp words we cannot take back, the silence we kept when courage was needed, the choices that revealed our fear more than our faith. We confess the places where our hearts have grown cold, the compassion that has worn thin, the pride that has hardened us, and the places we resist your calling. Forgive us and restore us to wholeness. Breathe your grace into every corner of our lives. This we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 21:1-21

Romans 9:1-13

*Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

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Sermon

"The God Who Chooses"

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music

"The Love of God"

Pam Lewis

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Please hold the cup until all have received. We will partake together.)

*Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All those who are able, please stand)*

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.

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; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Dennis Gould.

THE KIDS CLOSET will be open to the public Monday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to help with sorting donation items.

KID'S MEALS will be distributed to families from Fellowship Hall Monday and Thursday from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. This will be the last week of the distributions as school will be starting soon.

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

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor. Members are asked to review the information that was emailed and be ready for a discussion.

BIBLE STUDY will resume. A morning study is held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and an evening study is held Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. ZOOM access is available to those who would like to participate from home.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you enjoy needle work and would like some fellowship as you stitch, you are welcome to join the group. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next outdoor worship service is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd. We will gather in the church yard at 10:00 a.m. In case of rain, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Following worship, a luncheon and fellowship will be enjoyed. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring a dish to share. We ask that you contact Erica Ash with the dish you plan to bring.

OFFICE HOURS have changed. Jill is in the office 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Pastor John is in the office Mondays - Fridays from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE are holding a Quilt Raffle. The quilt is displayed at the back of the sanctuary. A winner will be drawn in early September. Proceeds will support the group's mission of outreach to our church and the community. Please see a granny or contact the church office to get your tickets.

SOMETHING NEW! We are the new site for the Blairsville Head Start Program. Classes begin Tuesday, August 25th. They are now enrolling for the 2026-2027 Program Year. Head Start is a free preschool program for qualifying families. For more information, see an elder or call the church office. Flyers are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

THE BLAIRSVILLE KNOTWEED FESTIVAL will kick off Saturday at 10:00 AM with a parade. Many vendors will be set up in the street. Our church will have a tent and tables set up for outreach in the community. We hope to see you there.

WE'RE PLANNING an evening out to dinner with your church family and friends. On Saturday, August 22nd at 5:30 p.m., we will gather at Rizzo's Malabar Inn in Crabtree for food and fellowship. To be sure Rizzo's has enough seating for us, please rsvp to Pam Lewis. The evening is sponsored by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.

THOSE ATTENDING the Pittsburgh Pirate Make up Baseball Game on Friday, September 4, we will board the charter bus and depart at 4:00 p.m. from the parking lot across the street. As a reminder, the ball park is a cashless venue. Be sure to bring a debit or credit card to make purchases. We will be staying for a drone show following the game. Any questions, please call the church office or see Pastor John.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Monday	3:30 p.m.	Children's Food Distribution
	5:00 p.m.	Kid's Closet Open
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	3:30 p.m.	Children's Food Distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Square Dancing
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Knotweed Festival
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship