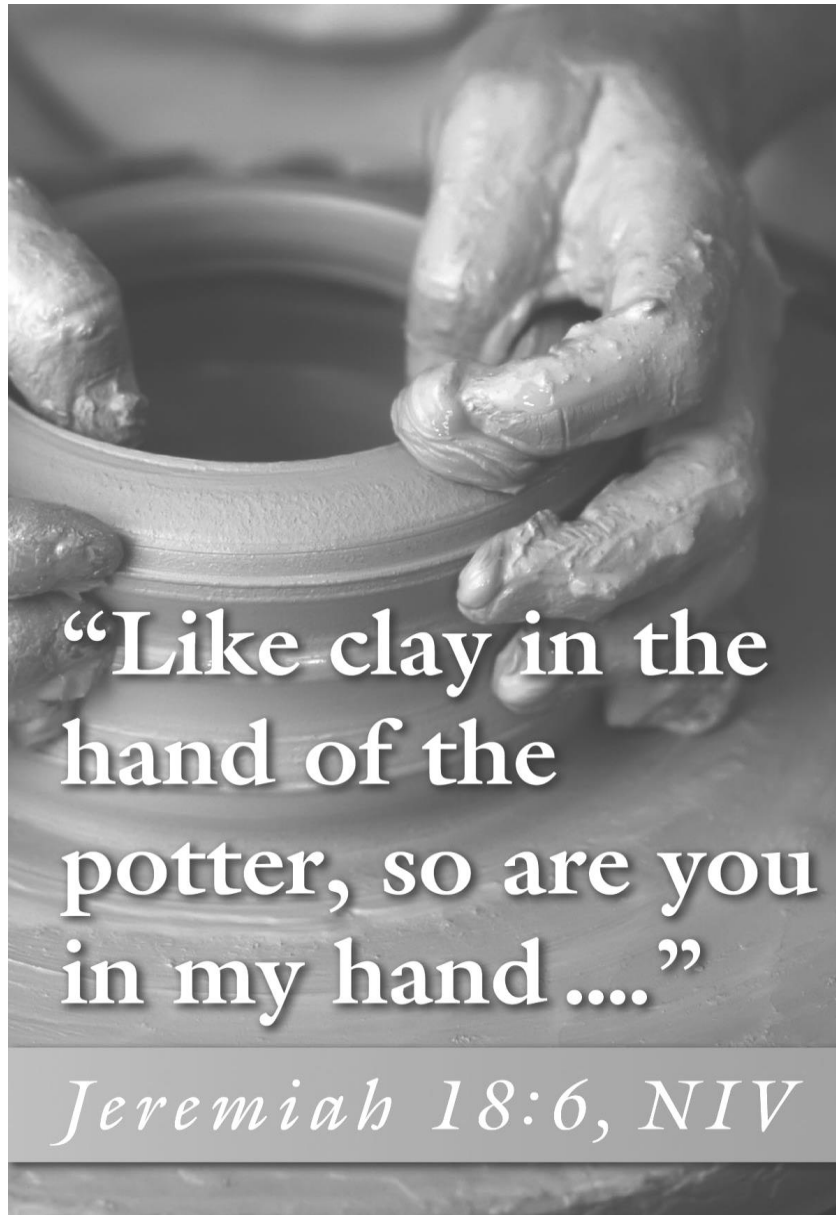




“Like clay in the
hand of the
potter, so are you
in my hand”

Jeremiah 18:6, NIV

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 16, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Welcome

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song

"What a Beautiful Name"

*Call to Confession

Seeking to be restored to wholeness, may we now join our voices in the Prayer of Confession.

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we come before you carrying the burdens of our sinfulness – the words we spoke that bruised, the quiet selfishness that we rely on, the fear that kept us from loving boldly, the protection of our own comfort, the ignoring of the Holy Spirit's nudging. Forgive us. Breathe your restoring grace into every part of our lives. Surround us with your love that will never let us go. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

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Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 18:1-6, Romans 9:19-24

Special Music *"In My Father's House Are Many Mansions"*

Sermon "The Potter and the Clay"

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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 and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* # 500

*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All those 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, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Todd Faulk.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of our 67th wedding anniversary by Lee and Bunny Ednie.

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.

THE ELDERS will gather for a Session meeting Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up from the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday 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.

AN EVENING out to dinner with the church family and friends is planned for 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will gather in the church yard at 10:00 a.m. for worship. 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. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

THE GREAT BAKE OFF IS BACK! The event will be held Sunday, September 13th following worship in Fellowship Hall. Admission is \$10 and includes samples and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the Deacon's Food Pantry, Blessing Box and Kid's Closet. To be a baker, contact Erica Ash.

SOMETHING NEW! We are the new site for the Blairsville Head Start Program. Classes begin Thursday, August 27th. 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.

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. We have a few tickets available if anyone is interested in going along. Any questions, please call the church office or see Pastor John.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship
Monday	5:00 p.m. Kid's Closet is Open 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meet
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. WIC meets in Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group 6:00 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	4:00 p.m. Sanctuary reserved
Saturday	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved 5:30 p.m. Dinner Out at Rizzo's Malabar Inn
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship in the Courtyard 11:00 a.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall