

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

August 23, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Leader: People of God, rejoice in the beauty of this day.

People: We lift our whole being in praise.

Leader: The Holy Spirit meets us in this very place.

People: We open our hearts to receive God's presence.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with joy, with wonder, with all creation.

People: Praise be to God forever and ever.

Song of Praise

"Here I Am to Worship"

Call to Confession

Our deepest need is to restore our relationship with God by being renewed and forgiven. Therefore, let us now join our voices in the Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

Leader: God of Mercy and Light, we are reminded not only of your goodness
but also of our need for your grace.

**People: We come acknowledging all our transgressions
and fully realize our need for forgiveness.**

Leader: Almighty hear now our personal confessions in this time of silent prayer...
Trusting in God's unfailing kindness toward us, we lay down what burdens us
and we open our hearts to the restoration and the healing that only you can provide.

People: AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

The love, the grace, the mercy of God is greater than any of our sins. Therefore, know and believe that by faith in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free. AMEN.

Gloria Patri (*in unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN, AMEN.

Special Music

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 10:20-23, Romans 9:25-29

Sermon

"The Scandal of Grace"

Rev. John Manon

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Ceremony of Commitment

Closing Song

"Down in My Heart"

Benediction

YOUR OFFERINGS can be placed in the designated basket this morning.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gene and Chery Artman.

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the sewing room. There are tasks for everyone. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Zoom access is available to those who would like to join a study from home. Please call the church office for more information.

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.

THE CHURCH SAFETY COMMITTEE will meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Please see Pastor John if you have questions.

THE HEAD START PROGRAM will have a meet and greet for new students on Monday. Classes begin Thursday. Teachers will arrive by 8:00 a.m. and children will arrive by 8:30 a.m. We wish you all a good school year!

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE are holding a Quilt Raffle. The quilt is displayed at the back of the sanctuary. There are two weeks left to purchase your tickets. A winner will be drawn during worship on September 6th. Please see a granny or contact the church office to get your tickets. Proceeds will support the group's mission of outreach to our church and the community.

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.

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

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE:

Bruce Highberger, Gary Stuchal, Hilda Benner
Brenda Malek, , Julie Silvis, Shaun Werner, Betty Currey
Julie Baker, Lynn Patti-Martin, Jeremy Lynch, Diane Spade
Our pastor, church leaders and staff

Our Rwanda Partner: Gitarama Presbyterian Church and Compassion Child: Bertin

Our country and government leaders

August Leaders:

Elders: Kim McKinney and Terry Brown

Deacons: Lindsay Barto and Becky Bence

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship in the Courtyard
	11:00 a.m.	Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grandma's Gifts of Love
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Head Start Classes Begin
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	3:00 p.m.	Safety Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday		Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship

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