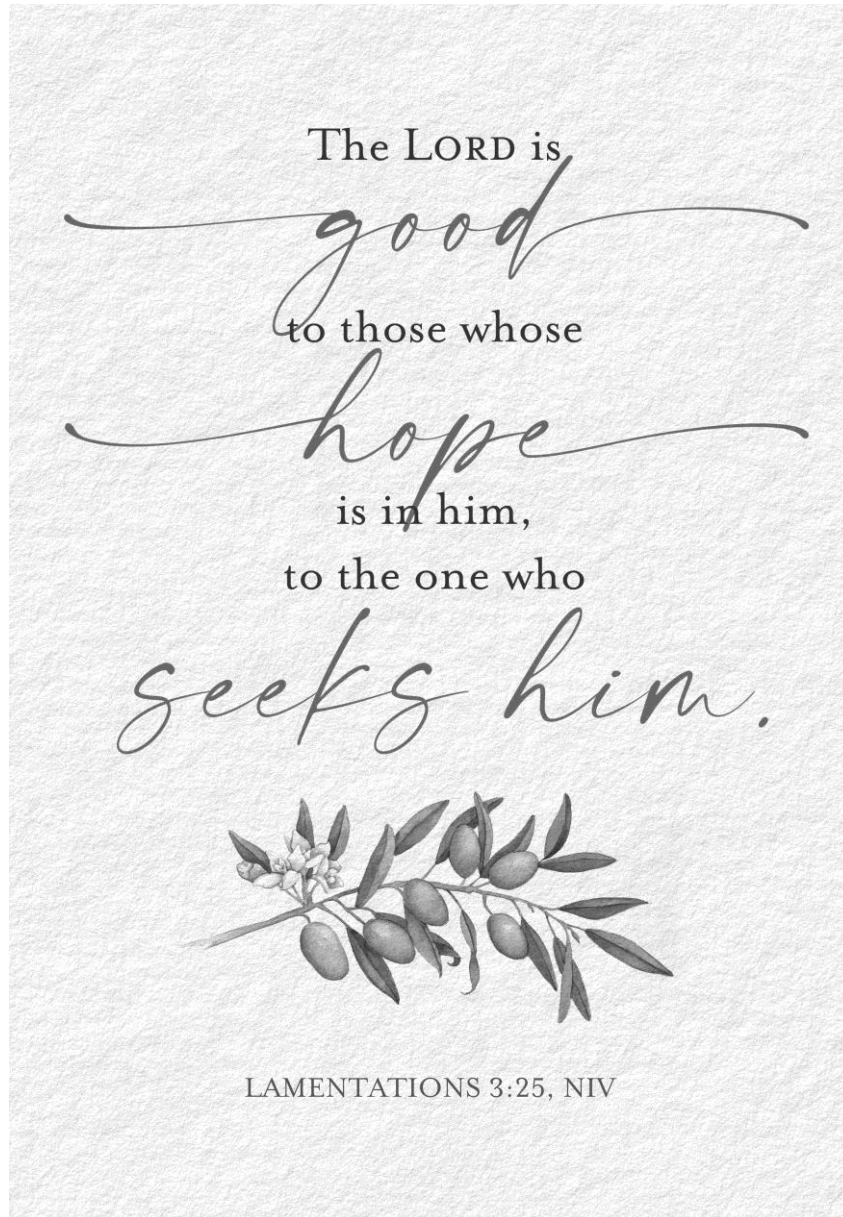




THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*"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 9, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Hymn *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* # 59

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, we are here in the light of a new day.

**People: We have come with open hearts,
ready to praise the Lord.**

Leader: God calls us from our worries, our routines,
our scattered thoughts.

People: We turn our attention to the One who gives us life.

Leader: In God's presence, grace abounds and hope is renewed.

People: We receive God's grace with gratitude and joy.

Leader: Let us worship Almighty God, who is full of mercy.

People: Praise the Lord forever and ever.

*Call to Confession

God invites us to bring our whole selves. And so, we come trusting fully in his promises. In confidence and trust, let us now join our voices in the Prayer of Confession.

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we stand before you acknowledging the places where we have fallen short. We have spoken when we should have listened, held back when you prompted us to act. We have withheld grace when you have freely given it to us. We carry

deep within quiet sins that only you know of. Forgive us. Turn our hearts again to your ways. In Christ we pray. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons

Lamentations 3:21-26

Romans 9:14-18

Special Music

"Abide with Me"

Sarah Statkowski and Pam Lewis

Sermon

"The Mercy Question"

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross"

260

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music

"In the Garden"

Bella Statkowski

*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 Special Music, Sarah and Bella Statkowski; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Bob Cosharek.

CONGRATULATIONS to Caitlyn and Austin Piper on the birth of their son, Carson Robert. Carson was born August 3rd and weighs 7 pounds 5 ounces and is 19 inches long. Congratulations also to new grandparents Nancy and Mark Hauser.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

WE'RE PLANNING an evening out to dinner with the 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.

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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grandma's Gifts of Love
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
	6:30 p.m.	Website Meeting
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Leader Meeting
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Square Dancing
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship