



YOU SHALL BE A

crown of beauty

IN THE HAND OF THE

LORD,

and a royal diadem

IN THE HAND OF YOUR

GOD.

ISAIAH 62:3, NRSU

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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

January 17, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Tom Smith, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 84, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 36*)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river
of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

**People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

*Hymn # 71, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your
glory. We have been fickle and unfaithful, but your steadfast love
never fails. We try to save the best for ourselves, but you freely
pour out your gifts for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Empower us,
by your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of your way and use
our gifts for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 62:1-5 (pg. 692 of OT)
Anthem	<i>“Christ Is the Rock”</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	John 2:1-11 (pg. 93 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith *(Apostles' Creed)*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
- *Hymn # 358, *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*“...debts...and debtors”*)
 Choral Amen
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory
 *Doxology
 *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 562, *“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations”*
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

*(*All 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 church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are 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, Tom Smith; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Gary & Shane Boone and Julia & Tom Holby; Projector, Kayla Moran; Sound, Tyler Moran; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 21st at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 31st. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 7th immediately following worship.

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2015 will be reviewed. The 2016 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please let Pastor Monroe know by today so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Shirley McLaughlin at 724-459-7914.

THE 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the back of the sanctuary. Please look for your name as some numbers have changed. If you would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE – We are called to be Salt & Light! That is the theme of this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity worship service, sponsored by the Blairsville Ministerium, hosted at the Free Methodist Church, Monday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m., featuring musical groups from area churches. Hope to see you there.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 20th. We would love to have new members join us. No experience necessary, we’ll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

THE CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 20th. New voices are always appreciated. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You’re always welcome.

THE GRANNIES are always very busy working on projects for others. They fund their endeavors by making available some of their projects to purchase. The most recent project is a quilt, on display at the back of the sanctuary. They are taking bids through the end of January for the quilt as a silent auction. If you are interested, please take time to place your offer in the container. The proceeds will benefit future projects of the group which in turn will help someone in need.

THE INDIANA COUNTY JAIL is asking for gently used clothing – pants, shirts, shoes, jackets, sweatshirts, etc. for both their male and female inmates to wear upon their release from the jail. You may call Ashley at 724-471-7500 x240 for more information and to arrange pick-up or drop-off of items.

FAMILY PROMISE is sponsoring a Valentine Dinner at Grace United Methodist Church in Indiana on Sunday, February 14th. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the *7 Mile Run* concert to follow at 6:30 p.m. Ticket cost for your meal and the concert is \$25 per person. Dinner includes choice of stuffed chicken, stuffed pork chop or ham, salad, red potatoes, dessert, beverage. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Family Promise Office at 724-464-5220. Join us for a relaxing evening with fantastic food and great music from local musicians.

THANK YOU FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. We are very grateful for the gift from the Board of Deacons. The humanitarian efforts of the Red Cross provide comfort and hope to so many during their times of need. Thank you for your commitment to this critically important work. Our mission depends on the support and compassion of donors like you.

Sincerely,
Gail McGovern
President and CEO, American Red Cross

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2016

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and responsibilities of the committees and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs for the committees will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity



*Welcome to
Worship*

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Thursday 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship with Rev. Dr. Roger Petersen