



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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January 24, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Gene Artman, 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 Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte  
Introit #85 *"I Love You, Lord"*  
*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear:  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Call to Worship  
Leader: Do not trust in deceptive words: "God is on our side."  
Rather, strive to be on God's side.  
**People: We put our trust in God and look to Him  
for direction for our lives.**  
Leader: Be not puffed up with pride. Rather, in all humility,  
study how you may improve yourselves.  
**People: We lay aside all thoughts of pride and seek to fulfill  
God's covenant of righteousness.**

\*Hymn #16 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord, You have reached out to us. You have called us to be Your disciples. You have loved us and embraced us. That is why we are here this Sunday – to praise and worship You. But then, Lord, when You reach out to others, what then? It is fine for You to call us, and to call our friends who sit beside us in church this morning. But you keep reaching out! You reach out to others whom we are hesitant to associate with. You love and embrace those whom we keep at a distance. Lord, give us the grace to praise You and to love You, not only because You have loved us, but also because You have loved the whole world, have reached out over our boundaries to embrace everyone within the great expanse of Your generous love. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

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

### DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "Stand Up"  
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Matthew 15:21-28 (pg. 17 of NT)

Sermon "Beyond the Boundary"  
 Rev. Dr. Roger Petersen

*We build walls, boundaries; He pushes out beyond to a fresh definition of God's family and bids us to do the same.*

### 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.**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #440 vs. 1-2 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors")

\*Hymn #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

\*Commission

\*Hymn #712 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

\*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, Dennis Gould; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Patti, Harrison, & Sean Gilligan and Naomi Sigafos; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Sound, Mitchell Tonkin; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> during worship. All gifts will be sent to ICCAP in support of the Food Bank.

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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.

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.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is asked to mark your calendars. The February meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will also meet Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

#### 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 February 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

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES will begin Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. A service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a light lunch. The worship schedule is as follows:

Feb 10.....Rev. Cory Braatz..... Free Methodist Church

Feb 17.....Rev. Harold Hicks.....C&MA Church

Feb 24.....Rev. Scott Shaffer..... United Presbyterian Church

Mar 2.....Rev. Brett Dinger..... Hebron Lutheran Church

Mar 9.....Rev. Timothy Monroe..... First United Methodist Church

Mar 16.....Father Steve Bugay..... Hopewell Methodist Church

Mar 23.....Rev. Rusty McClurg..... SS Simon & Jude Church

Mar 25.....Rev. Jim Kendall..... Connect Church

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Dr. Roger Petersen
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ron Libengood

