



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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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April 23, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Connie Bruner, 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

Introit # 598 *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;

He whose Word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 16*)

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me
in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**People: You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*Hymn # 289 *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven"*

*Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the
dead. We want to receive forgiveness, but we are not ready to
forgive. We want to see Jesus' wounds, but we ignore the
woundedness of others. Forgive us; give us new life! Embrace
us in Christ's body so that we may embody for the world the life
that death cannot destroy; 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

New Testament Lesson I Peter 1:3-9 (pg. 232 of NT)
 Anthem "We Walk By Faith"
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
 Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31 (pg. 115 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (Shorter Catechism, Q. 37 & 38)

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

*Hymn # 312 "Christ Is Alive"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 302 "He Lives"

*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, Connie Bruner; Ushers, Bob & Charlotte Cosharek, Alex Kirkland and Tom Holby; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex Baker; 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 memory of Ron Conrad by Ron and Kim McKinney.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning today through next Sunday, April 30th. Many volunteers are needed to make this week a success. Specifically, we need volunteers willing to come in after supper to help clean up. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Naomi Sigafos, Gene Artman or Pastor Monroe.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group.

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only, at the Blairsville Community Center. Dates and times are May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

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 Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE DEACONS are collecting new or gently used men's shoes size 10 or larger for patients at Torrance State Hospital. You can leave the shoes in the office or in the back of the church in or near the Torrance Hospital bin.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the Seder meal. Many hands make light work was definitely true last Thursday. We appreciate all of you and the many ways you served.

DURING the month of April the Deacons are collecting the following items for Pathway Shelter: Lysol, Lysol wipes, paper towels, dishwasher tabs, 409 cleaner and Mr. Clean (floors). You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Pathway.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. Please notify the office or see Kim McKinney about your child's pending graduation from high school or college so that we may show your son or daughter how much we care. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 4th during the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. If your graduate has a talent they would like to share during the recognition service such as singing, playing an instrument, speaking, etc., please let Kim know.

COUPONS FOR VETERANS are being collected. Please save manufacturer's coupons only. The program allows up to one month expired. If possible, please cut coupons and separate into food and non-food bundles. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary to place the coupons in marked Coupons for Veterans. If you have any questions, please see Erica Ash or Ellen Williams.

HELPING, HOPING, HEALING: A Faithful Response to Persons and Families Dealing with Drug Addiction is a workshop being offered through the Kiskiminetas Presbytery. There is no cost for this event. Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Snacks will be provided.

The schedule of workshops is: April 22, Grace Church in Kittanning; April 29, Marion Center Church; or May 6, Clarion Church. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please see Pastor Monroe or contact the church office.

CAMP LAMBEC is open and has a new website, www.camplambec.org. Camp Lambec is a place for fun adventures in faith, family and friends. You can check out the website for more information and to register for the camp that's right for you. Registration forms and camping brochures are available at the website.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Family Promise begins
Monday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
		Family Promise
Tuesday		Family Promise
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
		Family Promise
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
		Family Promise
Friday		Fellowship Hall reserved
		Family Promise
Saturday		Family Promise
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Family Promise concludes