



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 ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, 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 # 40

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 116*)

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice
and my supplications.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

*Hymn # 71 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the
dead. You speak to us through your living Word, but we refuse
to listen. You feed us with the bread of life, but we hunger for
other things. Forgive us; give us new life! Lead us to repent and
remember the promise of our baptism: 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

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| New Testament Lesson | I Peter 1:17-23 (pg. 232 of NT) |
| Anthem | <i>"Behold the Lamb"</i> |
| Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director | |
| Gospel Lesson | Luke 24:13-35 (pg. 90 of NT) |
| Sermon | Rev. Timothy R. Monroe |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

- *Hymn # 300 *"I Come to the Garden Alone"*
- 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 # 480 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*
- *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, Dennis Gould; Ushers, Bob & Vicky Doty and Terry & Barb Brown; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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 loved ones by Janet Smith.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. for a picnic followed by their monthly meeting. They will break for the summer and resume monthly meetings in September.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, May 2nd from 12:00-1:00 p.m. When signing up for the first time, please bring proof of residence in the Blairsville borough.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, May 4th 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.

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 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING will be held Thursday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. If you love to have fun, work with kids and learn new and exciting things, we want you! Volunteers are needed in many areas at this year's Bible school. All those interested are invited to attend. No experience is necessary! Those working directly with children will need proper clearances per our church's Child Care Policy. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, Nancy Hartmann, Kim McKinney or the church office.

- Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 19-23
- Each evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by an opening at 6:00 p.m.
- Kids ages 3 years (potty trained) through 5th grade (this year) are invited to attend free of charge
- A VBS Program will be presented during worship on Sunday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: we are looking for a few things to borrow for the week of Bible school. They include:

- Blue tarps – any size
- 3 – five gallon water jugs
- Memorabilia from any of the following countries: Honduras, Cuba, Mexico, Haiti or Ghana.

All items will be returned after the week. If you have any questions or have items to lend, please see Cindy or Jen Borbonus.

THE HALLELUJAH CHOIR of NuValley Presbyterian Church will present an Annual Spring Concert Sunday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Choir Fund. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the concert.

THE 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP would like to thank everyone who participated in their bake sale to raise money to purchase tree saplings in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day. The group sold out of all their cookies and brownies, and was able to raise \$41.50! Now they just need to put their heads together and decide on the types of trees they would like to plant. Again, everyone's generosity towards the youth in our church is always appreciated!

THE BLANKET OFFERING will be received Sunday, May 14th during worship. All gifts are sent to Church World Service to supply blankets to those in need. Each blanket costs only \$10, but can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. Last year thousands of CWS blankets were distributed throughout the U.S.

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.

MARGARET CARUSO of St. Simon and Jude Church in Blairsville is in need of a liver transplant to help save her life. She has battled Non Alcoholics Cirrhosis for several years and despite success in slowing down this chronic disease, it has progressed to the need for a new liver. Despite the seriousness of her condition and likelihood of death without a transplant, people with her condition don't score high enough to have any chance of getting a liver from the nationwide transplant list. Therefore since the liver is the only organ in the human body that can regenerate on it's own, Margaret is pursuing a "live donor," where a portion of a healthy person's liver is removed and placed in the recipient. Both livers will regenerate giving new life to the recipient. Not just anyone will qualify as a donor. Donors must be between 18 and 54 years of age and testing is necessary to be sure of compatibility. Anyone who feels called to possibly serve as a donor can contact the church office for more information.

CAMP LAMBEC was to be closed for the season due to water issues however, it 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

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| 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 |
| Tuesday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Food Bank distributes groceries |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Deacon Picnic and Meeting |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Historical Society Meeting |
| Thursday | 3:00 p.m. | Stitching Group |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Vacation Bible School Meeting |
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