



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 Mary Anzelone, 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 Acolyte

Introit # 554 *"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"*

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Spread the tidings all around! Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;

Onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Call to Worship (*Psalm 67*)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us.

**People: That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**People: May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

*Hymn # 81 *"We Gather Together"*

*Prayer of Confession

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of
death. You are faithful in your promise, but we fail to keep your
word. You offer us the gift of peace, but we remain captive in our
fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us, heal
our troubled hearts, and lead us to walk in your light; 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 Revelation 21:10, 22-25 (pg. 259 of NT)
 Anthem *“Go Up!”*
 Gospel Lesson John 14:23-29 (pg. 109 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith *(The Westminster Confession of Faith)*
The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption; but their souls (which neither die nor sleep), having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies; and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Besides these two places for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledgeth none.
- *Hymn # 428 *“When Peace Like a River”*
 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 # 711 *“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”*
- *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, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Velma Crawford, Elaine Jellison, Carl & Georgia Long; 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 Bill and Deb Lint.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will gather for a light lunch followed by class today after worship. Students will unite with the church during worship on Pentecost, May 15. New members will also unite with the congregation during worship Sunday, May 15th. A light reception will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet our newest members.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, May 3rd from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship and a picnic followed by the monthly meeting. The deacons will break for the summer and resume meetings in the fall.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, May 4th. 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, May 4th. New voices are always appreciated. For more information about the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals on Wednesdays. You’re always welcome.

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 DEACON PANTRY is a ministry to many in the community. Not many weeks go by without someone benefiting from the items that stock the shelves. At this time however, we are running low on breakfast cereal. All cereals, hot or cold, are appreciated. If you would like to help stock this area of the pantry, a box is located at the back of the sanctuary.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is making available a piano to anyone who may be interested in being the new owner. Please contact the church office or see Elaine Jellison for more information.

THE DEACONS are asking for individuals and families to usher during the summer months. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who have volunteered to usher this year.

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that we will be compiling a 2016 pictorial directory! We welcome anyone attending our church worship or other activities to get their picture taken; for example, once the directory is complete, you can use it to identify who you're sitting next to in church! The Photography sessions will take place in the Fellowship Hall on June 16th from 2 to 9 p.m., June 17th from 2 to 9 p.m. and June 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up for times after church. There is no cost to be photographed & every family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait in a blue colored background; all orders will be 20% off! Each family that brings in a non-perishable food item will receive \$5 off portraits and the photographer has a \$10 coupon for each household. Only participating households will receive a free directory.

THE 3RD ANNUAL BLAIRSVILLE MISSION PARTNERSHIP will be held Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Consider volunteering your time working for neighbors in the area. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. Applications are also available for those who would like to have work done at their homes. For more information, contact the church office or Pastor Monroe.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Baccalaureate Service will be held Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church. It's been moved from Sunday due to the Memorial Day holiday. Please consider donating cookies for the reception following the service.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will provide vaccinations for those underinsured or uninsured from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. at the Blairsville Community Center, May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17. The vaccines are by appointment only. Please call 724-357-2995 to schedule an appointment.

PLEASE HAVE INFORMATION for next Sunday's bulletin to the office by Wednesday morning. Jill will be out Thursday and Friday however, the office will be covered. Thank you.

TRINITY YOUTH CONFERENCE 2016 will be held July 24-30th at Living Waters Camp and Conference Center in Schellsburg, PA. Registration is \$335 per person, however discounts are available for early registration. Scholarships are also available. For more information, contact the church office or go to the website at: www.trinityyouthconference.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will soon be coming to an end for the summer. Sunday, May 22nd will be our last class and during worship we will recognize our teachers. Classes will begin again in September.

OUR CHOIR will also be taking a break for the summer months. The choir will sing during worship Sunday, May 29th. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians during worship. The choir will be back in worship in September.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will begin Sunday, June 5th. We will worship from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. during the summer months. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume.

MISSION MOMENT – *Presbytery of Western New York*

We discovered such an opportunity one day when we stumbled upon a group gathered in our local mall, creating tied fleece blankets. The recipient of these blankets was the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center, which provides multidisciplinary services in cases of child abuse. When children come to the center, the staff provides them with comforting items—a toy, a book, a fleece blanket. What a comfort a fuzzy blanket can be! The idea of creating blankets to benefit the center was brought to the mission committee of First Presbyterian Church of Portville, New York, and voilà! The Fun Fleece Festival was born! In its ninth year, the Fun Fleece Festival is an ecumenical and intergenerational event. Local churches and community members are invited to participate. Men, women, and children pitch in to help, and what a great bonding event it is! Stories are shared, food is eaten, and many, many blankets are made. Who benefits? Certainly the children serviced by the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center. What a good feeling to know that the blanket you created will help a child through a very tough time in his or her life.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	9:45 a.m.	New Member Orientation
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank
	5:00 p.m.	Deacon Picnic & Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Spring Thing...It's God's World
	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & <i>Blanket Offering</i>
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks