

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

May 22, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 # 142 vs. 4 *"Sing Praise to the Father"*

**Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,**

**Sing praise to the Spirit, great God Three in One;**

**The God of salvation, of glory, of grace,**

**Who wrought our redemption – my soul, sing his praise!**

**Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord,**

**O my soul, for the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole;**

**O come and adore him, his glories proclaim,**

**and worship before him the Lord is his name.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 8*)

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name  
in all the earth! You have set your glory  
above the heavens.

**People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**People: You have given them dominion  
over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet.**

**All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name  
in all the earth!**

\*Hymn # 31 *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of the prophets, we confess that we have failed to heed your  
word. You call out to us; you reach out to us, yet we remain  
unresponsive and aloof. You give us dominion over your works, yet**

**we waste and misuse your creation. Forgive us, God of grace.  
Open our eyes to see your handiwork. Open our ears to receive  
your truth. Open our hearts and hands to serve you; 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 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (pg. 590 of OT)

Anthem *"Freely Given"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 155 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign  
love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in  
God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as  
one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our  
Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of  
God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor  
and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and  
mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham  
and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the  
house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ  
of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing  
child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is  
faithful still.**

\*Hymn # 142 *"Sing Praise to the Father"*

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 # 426 *"Blessed Assurance"*

\*Benediction  
\*Choral Response  
\*Postlude

*(\*All who are able, please stand.)*

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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, Rick Shoemaker; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Jamie & Shakira McKinney and Tom & Lisa Hainaut; 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 our parents by Dr. and Mrs. Petersen and, in recognition of Dr. Petersen's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his doctorate.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressure today following worship. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

GRANNIES will meet tomorrow morning from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON will be served Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for students. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Baccalaureate Service will be held Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 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. They can be brought to our church Thursday morning and Pastor Monroe will make sure "most" of them arrive at SS Simon & Jude.

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

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will begin Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Our worship hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume.

OUR CHOIR will also be taking a break for the summer months. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share your musical talents during worship, please see Cindy Borbonus. The choir will be back in worship in September.

WE WILL host families in the Family Promise Program beginning May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Gene Artman. Many tasks need to be accomplished during the week.

FAMILY PROMISE of Indiana County is hosting two community fundraisers. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, take a Cash Cow Card (see Gene Artman) to Hoss's and have dinner. Hoss's will donate 20%-25% of your pretax total check to Family Promise. Then on June 24, the Inaugural Monopoly Challenge will be held at the Indiana Area Senior High School Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. A life size, live board game will be played. Tickets are available at \$10-family, \$5-adult, and \$3-seniors and students. Call 724-464-5220 for more information or see Gene. Family Promise is a program that works with local churches to help the homeless in our community.

THE OFFICE will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday.

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. Requests are kept in confidence.

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

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 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 9 p.m., June 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 9 p.m. and June 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

JOIN US AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL the week of June 20-24. The theme this year is "Cave Quest" and will be held each evening from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Children are invited to come participate in the activities: story time, music, crafts, games and a light dinner. Please use the insert to register your child(ren). We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please see Jen Borbonus or Deb Lint.

TRINITY YOUTH CONFERENCE 2016 will be held July 24-30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.trinityyouthconference.org).

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Last day of Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Teacher Appreciation
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure checks
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Property & Maintenance Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Service at SS Simon & Jude Church
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		<i>Last day of our regular schedule</i>