

*He will baptize  
you with the  
Holy Spirit  
and with  
fire.*



Luke 3:16

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 10, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Brent Ritchie, 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 # 66

*"To God Be the Glory"*

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done;*

*So loved he the world that he sent us his Son,*

*Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,*

*And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,*

*And give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*Hymn # 31

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. You walk with us in times of trial, but we abandon others in trouble. You pour out your love for us, but we fail to share your mercy. Forgive us, God of grace. Send us your Holy Spirit to cleanse and recreate us so that we may honor your name; 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

Gospel Lesson                      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pg. 60 of NT)  
 Anthem                              *"You are Mine"*  
    Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director  
 Old Testament Lesson                      Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 672 of OT)  
 Sermon                                      Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- \*Affirmation of Faith (*Psalm 23*)

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
 He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.  
 He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
 Thou preparest a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies;  
 Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 all the days of my life;  
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

- \*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

- \*Hymn # 426 *"Blessed Assurance"*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)*

*(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)*

Prayer after Communion

- \*Hymn # 428 *"When Peace Like a River"*

- \*Benediction

- \*Choral Response

- \*Postlude

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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, Brent Ritchie; Ushers, Charlotte & Bob Cosharek and Deb & Bill Lint; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Sound, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

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

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. Anyone interested in the Worship ministry of our church is invited to attend.

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 Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

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 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 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 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.

COME FOR FUN....ITS GAME NIGHT! Have you been wandering aimlessly in the *Trivial Pursuit* of a fun evening and don't have a *Clue* what to do? Has the weather made it impossible to *Go Fish*? Well, the *Buzzword* on the street is that on Friday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m., the Fellowship Committee has a *Monopoly* on an activity for you that will *Boggle* your mind. We don't want to *Twister* arm, but we know that you'll be *Sorry* if you miss out on the *Oodles* of fun that night. Once the games begin, there may be an *Outburst* or two, but that's just part of the fun. So come one and all, friends included, and bring your favorite snack and game to share. Drinks will be provided.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE – We are called to be Salt & Light! That is the theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity worship service, sponsored by the Blairsville Ministerium, hosted at the Free Methodist Church, Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., featuring musical groups from area churches. Hope to see you there.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 13<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 13<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 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.

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion Family Promise concludes
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Game Night in Fellowship Hall!
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship