

YOU ARE
*fearfully
&
wonderfully*
MADE.

Psalm 139:14

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 14, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Barb Brown, 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 # 718

"Forth in Your Name"

Forth in your name, O Lord, I go my daily labor to pursue;

You, Lord, alone I long to know in all I think or speak or do.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 139*)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days
that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**People: I try to count them – they are more than the sand;
I come to the end – I am still with you.**

*Hymn # 71

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your
voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not
know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of
truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with
our lives; 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 I Samuel 3:1-20 (pg. 247 of OT)
 Anthem *"Here I Am, Lord"*
 Gospel Lesson John 1:43-51 (pg. 92 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

- *Hymn # 502 *"Be Thou My Vision"*
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
 Choral Amen
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory
 *Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 458 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Barb Brown; Ushers, Terry & Barb Brown and Jim & Mary Piper; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; 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 John and Jane Biesinger by Joy Fairbanks.

THE FAMILY PROMISE program will begin today. If you would like to volunteer to help this week, please see Gene Artman or Pastor Monroe.

A COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Community choirs and worship teams will share music with us. All are welcome. The service is sponsored by the Blairsville Ministerium.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will not be held Wednesday, January 17th due to Family Promise. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2017 will be reviewed and the 2018 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please inform Pastor Monroe by Sunday, January 14th so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 18th 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 them.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and treasurers are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by next Sunday, January 21st. If you need information from the office, please call during office hours M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2018

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Community Unity Worship Family Promise Begins
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts will meet Family Promise
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting Family Promise
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Family Promise
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group Family Promise
Friday-Saturday		Family Promise
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00-3:00 p.m.	Firemen Fundraiser Dinner Family Promise Concludes