



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 15, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Bonni Dunlap, 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 # 560

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 40*)

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People: He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

**People: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.**

*Hymn # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

*Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We labor for worldly things and lack in spiritual gifts. We sacrifice much for false idols and forsake your holy Lamb. Forgive us; give us grace. Take away the sin of the world and teach us, as disciples, to show the wonder of your love in 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 Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg. 679 of OT)

Anthem *"Think About His Love"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson John 1:29-42 (pg. 92 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Westminster Confession of Faith)*

Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith cometh by hearing the Word of God, Christ hath commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

*Hymn # 281 *"Lamb of God"*

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 486 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bonni Dunlap; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Ron & Janelle Hood, Erica Ash and Ellen Williams; 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 loved ones by Joanne Torrance.

THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00 p.m., we will gather in the sanctuary with other believers for a Community Service of Christian Unity. We will host this years' service and a light reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will plan to attend.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 19th 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.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. A light lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall. The work of the church during 2016 will be reviewed and the 2017 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please let Pastor know today so that Session can review them before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

IF YOU have son or daughter who is a student in college and would like them to be included in the Deacon's mailing list, please give their name and address to Bobbi Monroe or leave the information with the church office.

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 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. They have been placed in alphabetical order for your convenience. If we missed you or you would like to have envelopes, please contact the church office, 724-459-7991 or drop a note in the offering plate.

CPR TRAINING has been scheduled for Friday, January 27th at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who will be attending are asked to contact Susie Cotti or the church office. An evening class may be scheduled in the near future if needed.

THE 2017 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS, Deacons, Treasurers and other group leaders are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 22nd. The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th immediately following worship. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the church office.

DURING the months of February and March the Deacons will be collecting the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: liquid and bar soap, shampoo, new or used music CD's, puzzles and greeting cards. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

WEST VIRGINIA WORK/MISSION TRIP 2017 is scheduled for April 23-29 in Webster Springs, WV. This trip is sponsored by the presbytery for individuals 18 years and older. Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is some of the most important in the life of the church. Those serving have the responsibility to bring before the congregation the names of those who will potentially serve as elders and deacons.

Members of this committee should have:

- * An understanding of the nature, ministry and mission of the church
- * An awareness of the spiritual nature of the offices of elder and deacon
- * A knowledge of the impending challenges before the church
- * A familiarity with the members of the congregation and the potential gifts and abilities they bring to service
- * A spirit of prayer as they approach this work

If you, or someone you know would do well at the discernment of nominations, and would like to be considered for service on this committee, please write the name and place it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office by January 22nd.

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only at the Blairsville Community Center. Dates and times are January 18, February 15, March 15, and April 19 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

SAVE YOUR COUPONS for Coupons for Veterans. Please make sure they are manufacturer coupons and that they have not expired. If the date is close that's ok, we can take up to one month expired. Please cut the coupons and separate them into food and non-food groups. A box is located at the back of the sanctuary for collection. Please see Erica Ash or Ellen Williams if you have any questions.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is collecting email addresses of those who would like to receive updates on important information such as member deaths, cancellations due to weather, etc. Please submit your email or update your email address by placing it in the offering plate Sunday or email the office at:

upchurch@r-church.com.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2017

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 WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Community Christian Unity Worship Light reception in Fellowship Hall Family Promise concludes
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Saturday	12:00-4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
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	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship