



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"*

Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

137 N. Walnut Street ~ Blairsville, PA 15717-1349

Church office 724-459-7991

e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com

Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

January 21, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Bobbi Monroe, 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 #446 vs. 2 *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

O Light that followest all my way,

I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray,

That in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 62*)

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**People: Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

**People: That power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful
creatures. You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed
your warning. You give us good news to share, yet we remain
stubborn and silent. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent
and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy
realm is near; 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	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (pg. 863 of OT)
Anthem	<i>"Lean On Me"</i>
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:14-20 (pg. 35 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Declaration of Barmen)*

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

*Hymn # 350 *"The Summons"*
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
 Choral Amen
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory
 *Doxology
 *Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 344 *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*
 *Benediction
 *Choral Response
 *Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Ushers, Gene & Chery Artman and Steve & Joan Moran; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; 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 loving memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Then the work of the church during 2017 will be reviewed and the 2018 Nominating Committee will be elected. We hope you will attend.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Last week's meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held 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 24th 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 25th 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 Wednesday, January 24th to be included in the larger report. If you need information from the office, please call during office hours M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE FIREMEN will serve a Fundraiser Pork Chop Dinner today in Fellowship Hall from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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 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

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received during worship Sunday, February 4th. All of the gifts received will be sent to Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) Food Bank. ICCAP is able to purchase food for just 3 cents a pound which is then distributed throughout the county by a network of volunteers at local Food Bank distribution sites.

SS SIMON AND JUDE CHURCH will have their Annual Soup Sale Saturday, January 27th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Soup is \$7.00 per quart.

A VALENTINE CARD MAKING EVENT is being planned for youth ages 3 years to 6th grade. We will meet in Fellowship Hall Saturday, February 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Five different cards will be available to make or create your own with the supplies. Our 4th-6th grade youth group will be serving the church by helping the younger children make their cards. Please RSVP to Jen Borbonus or Heidi Weimer.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHESES sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium are held each Wednesday during Lent. A worship service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. This year's schedule is:

Feb. 14..... Ryan Kobert, Black Lick United Methodist Church
Feb. 21..... John Buchmann, Hebron Lutheran Church
Feb. 28..... Brett Dinger, C&MA Church
Mar. 7..... Rusty McClurg, United Presbyterian Church
Mar. 14..... Fr. Steve Bugay, First United Methodist Church
Mar. 21..... Harold Hicks, Hopewell Methodist Church
Mar. 28..... Tim Monroe, SS Simon & Jude Church
Mar. 30..... Cory Braatz, Abundant Grace Church
..... Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00-3:00 p.m.	Firemen Fundraiser Dinner Family Promise Concludes
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	The Daisy Troop will meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00p.m.	Lunch & Congregational Meeting