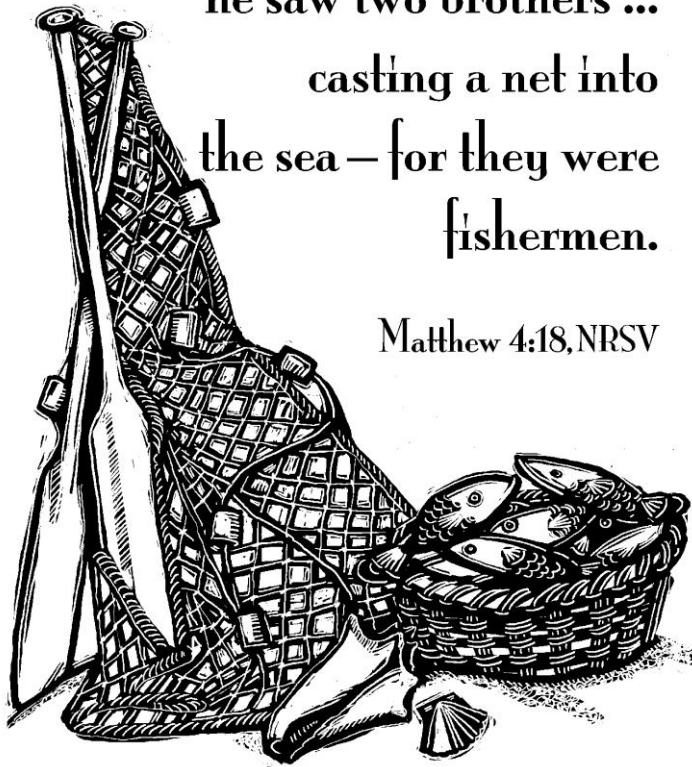


As he walked by the
Sea of Galilee,
he saw two brothers ...
casting a net into
the sea – for they were
fishermen.

Matthew 4:18, NRSV



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 22, 2017 ~ 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

John Clark Bruner, Acolyte

Introit # 496

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 27*)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

People: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will set me high on a rock.

People: Now my head is lifted up

above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

be gracious to me and answer me!

‘Come,’ my heart says, ‘seek his face!’

People: Your face, Lord, do I seek.

*Hymn # 59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. You call us to follow Jesus, but we are afraid to walk in faith. You call us to be one in Christ, but we continue to quarrel and fight. Forgive us; give us grace. As you have sent a Savior to us, send us out as witnesses: to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Time with the Younger Saints

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 9:1-4 (pg. 638 of OT)
Anthem	<i>“Hope Has Arrived”</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 4:12-23 (pg. 3 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and they more and more quickened and strengthened, in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

(*All who are able, please stand.)

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP for grades 4-6 will meet Friday, January 27th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Plan to come and bring a friend. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Miss Jen or Miss Heidi.

SEVERAL DATES are still available on the 2017 flower chart. 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 today. The annual meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, January 29th immediately following worship. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the church office.

THE AUDIT of financial records of the church is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m. Those who oversee any financial accounts within the church are asked to have your books in order and to the church office by Tuesday, January 31st. You may also bring your records and attend the audit.

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.

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.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

February 8, 8:45 am – 12:15 pm.....PA Careerlink Bldg
March 8, 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm.....ICCAP
The cost is free. To register, contact Family Promise at 724-464-5220.

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 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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is collecting email addresses of those who would like to receive updates on important information. 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 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 today.

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.

Worship – Elaine Jellison, chair - Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Gene Artman, chair - Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Nancy Hartmann & Kim McKinney, co-chairs – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Rick Shoemaker, chair - Finances, special funds, and annual budget

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

Property & Maintenance – Bob Cosharek, chair - Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Nancy Hartmann & Elaine Jellison, co-chairs - Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – Gene Artman, chair - 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
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	12:30 p.m.	CPR Training in Fellowship Hall
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Grade 4-6 Youth Group
Friday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon and Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall